

△
60c

COLLEGE · PRO · HIGH SCHOOL

BASKETBALL

YEARBOOK 1970

Scouting 200 Colleges

Lew Alcindor
Photo Album

100 Best
High School Players

Walt Frazier:
Super-Knick

Pro Selections
NBA West: Atlanta
East: New York
ABA: Oaks, Pacers

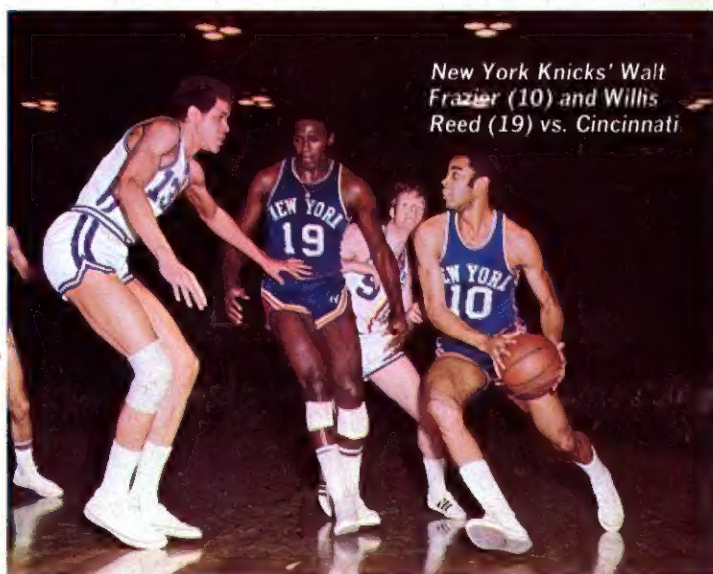
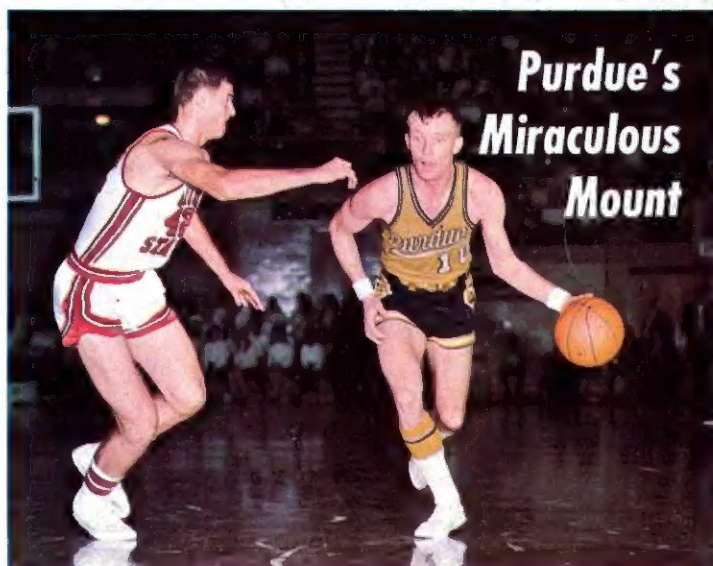
All-America Picks

Get This Photo
Free!

(See inside back cover)

College Schedules

The Top Sophs



COLLEGE FORECAST: THE TOP 20

Choice Pros

- 1—South Carolina
- 2—Kentucky
- 3—Purdue
- 4—UCLA
- 5—Davidson
- 6—Santa Clara
- 7—New Mexico State
- 8—Notre Dame
- 9—Louisville
- 10—Duke
- 11—Marquette
- 12—Villanova
- 13—Tennessee
- 14—Utah State
- 15—Ohio State
- 16—Colorado
- 17—Texas
- 18—St. John's
- 19—Duquesne
- 20—Cincinnati



NBA champ Boston's John Havlicek (left)
vs. Baltimore's Westley (MVP) Unseld

CONTENTS

College Forecast: The Top 20	Inside front cover
1969-70 College All-Americans	5
Lew Alcindor Photo Album	9
Walt Frazier: Super-Knick	By Murray Janoff 15
South	By Steve Guback 18
High School All-Americans	By Robert Lapidus 26
100 Best Schoolboy Cagers	28
Midwest	By Ray Marquette 29
Far West	By Dan Hruby 36
East	By David Schulz 40
Southwest	By Walt Robertson 48
Midlands	By Bob Hentzen 52
Rockies	By Frank Haraway 56
NBA Roundup	By Sandy Padwe 60
ABA Roundup	By Bob Fowler 70
College Schedules	74
Tabbing the Top Sophomores	Inside Back Cover
College Sectional All-Stars	Back Cover



A POPULAR LIBRARY PUBLICATION

MP2

BASKETBALL

YEARBOOK 1970

Zander Hollander, Editor
David Schulz, Managing Editor
Jack Peluso, Associate Editor
Carol Klapper, Vice President-Editorial

Robert Prestopino, Art Director
James Montalbano, Art Editor
Jamila Miller, Associate Art Editor
Edward R. Rofheart, Vice President-Art

Joseph L. Johnston, President
James E. Galton, Executive Vice President
William D. Sullivan, Circulation Director
Thomas Del Prete, Production Director
Eugene Lowther, Advertising Director

Cover Photos: Malcolm Emmons; inside front and inside back covers: Malcolm Emmons.

Other photo credits: Malcolm Emmons, UPI, George Kakinsky (page 15), Dick Raphael, Shedy and Long, St. Bonaventure, Western Kentucky, Davidson, Iowa, Marquette, California, Houston, Colorado, Weber State, North Texas State, UCLA, and the various college, professional and high school teams.

BASKETBALL YEARBOOK 1970, published and copyright © 1969 by Popular Library Inc., 355 Lexington Ave., New York 10017. Printed in U.S.A.

This
valuable
draftsman's
equipment
is given
to you...



**Drafting is the open
door to success in
any industry**

- The draftsman is the link between engineering and production. No project, big or small, gets "off the ground" before it comes from the draftsman's board.
- Look at the columns and columns of "Help Wanted—Draftsman" ads that appear in a single issue of a city newspaper. They are evidence of the heavy demand that exists for draftsmen in every technical field today.
- No previous drawing skills are required to become a draftsman. The draftsman's tools can be quickly mastered by anyone.
- During more than sixty years, LaSalle has enrolled over 1,500,000 students for success training in business and industry. A LaSalle diploma is respected by employers.
- You owe it to yourself to find out now what LaSalle Drafting training can do for you. Mail the coupon today.



when you train with LaSalle
for a big-pay job as a technical

DRAFTSMAN

Learn at home in spare time. No previous skills required!

EVERYTHING you need to get started in the lucrative drafting profession—instruction and full equipment—is supplied to you by LaSalle. All you are expected to supply is an interest in technical subjects and the ambition to qualify for a bigger future.

Draftsmen are in heavy demand in America's booming industries. They are needed in aeronautics, in architectural work, in electrical, mechanical, and structural fields.

Not a single new production improvement, not a single building or mechanical project, gets under way without the skilled help of the modern draftsman.

Why don't you get started in this busy field and prepare to earn big pay? LaSalle trains you by mail; expert instructors start you at the beginning and give you work personal attention until your course is completed. The cost of instruction is remarkably low.

Free

Booklet gives facts on opportunities in drafting and describes LaSalle training. Mail coupon to LaSalle, 417 S. Dearborn, Chicago, Ill. 60605.

LA SALLE EXTENSION UNIVERSITY

A Correspondence Institution

417 S. Dearborn Street, Dept 95-004 Chicago, Illinois 60605



Please send Free booklet, "Opportunities in Drafting," and full information on training at home.

Print Name..... Age.....

Address..... Apt. No.....

City.....

State..... Zip No.....

The Editors of BASKETBALL YEARBOOK Select:

The 1969-1970 ALL-AMERICANS



RICK MOUNT, Purdue: The Big Ten's Most Valuable Player and the second-leading scorer in the country. Mount led Purdue to the NCAA finals last season. Paced by the 6-4 native of Lebanon, Ind., the Boilermakers were the highest scoring team in the nation. Mount, who has the nickname Rick the Rocket, holds several school scoring records and has set Big Ten marks for most points in a conference season, most field goals and highest average. He scored 30 or more points in 22 of Purdue's 28 games and hit a high of 45 points twice.



CHARLIE SCOTT, North Carolina: "America's most complete player," is the way coach Dean Smith describes the 6-5 All-American who has twice led North Carolina to the final round of the NCAA tournament. Scott, who starred for the United States Olympic team in 1968 at Mexico City, was the top scorer for the Tar Heels last season, second in assists and third in rebounding. Speed is his forte, enabling him to get away on fast breaks and maintain a 50.3 percent shooting accuracy. Scott is the first Negro to play at North Carolina.

FIRST TEAM

Pete Maravich, LSU
Charlie Scott, North Carolina
Spencer Haywood, Detroit
Rick Mount, Purdue
Calvin Murphy, Niagara

SECOND TEAM

Dan Issel, Kentucky
Rudy Tomjanovich, Michigan
Bob Lanier, St. Bonaventure
Mike Maloy, Davidson
Curtis Rowe, UCLA

ALL-AMERICANS

continued



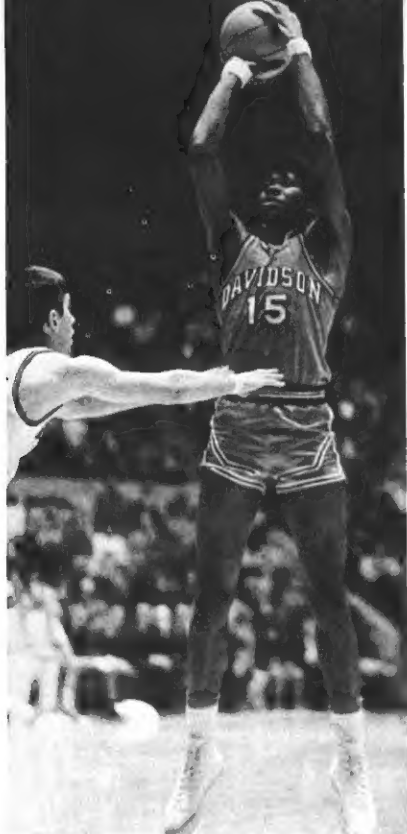
PETE MARAVICH, Louisiana State: Pistol Pete is shooting for his third straight national scoring title—and the career total point and scoring average records held by Oscar Robertson. But Maravich, who averaged a record 44.2 points per game last season, can do more than score. Last season he set a school record of 128 assists. While being double- and triple-teamed, Maravich takes a terrific physical beating, since he carries only 190 pounds on his 6-5 frame. But one of his biggest problems was learning to play for his father, Press Maravich, the LSU coach. "Playing for my father," he says, "was a lot tougher on both of us than I ever imagined, but in a game, he's the boss."



SPENCER HAYWOOD, Detroit: Using his standout performance in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City as a springboard to national fame, Haywood proceeded to Detroit where he broke the school's single-season scoring record with 771 points, the per-game average with 32.3 points a game, and single game point total with 45 against Canisius. Haywood, a 6-8, 225-pound native of Detroit, also pulled down 530 rebounds, an average of 22.1 per game. In his first year of varsity competition, Haywood was listed on every major All-America team.

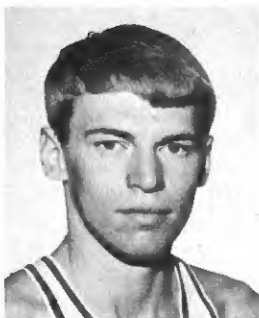
CALVIN MURPHY, Niagara: The 5-10 Murphy, an All-American for the third straight year, averaged 35.3 points a game during his first two varsity years. Among his many achievements is a 68-point performance against Syracuse, the most points ever scored by a single player against a major college team. Murphy's speed, aggressiveness and poise make him an excellent defensive player, too, as noted by St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca, who said, "If you open your mouth, Murphy will steal your teeth."





MIKE MALOY, Davidson: A 6-7 native of New York, Maloy averaged 24.6 points and 14.3 rebounds a game in leading Davidson to a 27-3 record and the Eastern Regional finals of the NCAA tourney. A great clutch player, he hit on 13 of 13 free throw attempts and scored his season's high of 35 points in the NCAA tourney against St. John's. The first Negro to play for Davidson, Maloy was selected as Southern Conference Player of the Year last season.

BOB LANIER, St. Bonaventure: All-American as a sophomore two years ago, the 6-11 Lanier had an "off" season as a junior, which meant he averaged "only" 27.2 points, 15.5 rebounds and 58.6 percent of his field goal attempts. These performances put him among the top 15 in the country in each category. Lanier shoots with a soft touch, and can hit from inside or out. The school scoring record, held by Tom Stith, is within his reach.



DAN ISSEL, Kentucky: Breaking records held by such former Kentucky stars as Cliff Hagan, Alex Groza, Cotton Nash and Pat Riley, Issele led the Wildcats in scoring (26.6) and rebounding (13.6). A 6-8 center from Batavia, Ill., Dan stands 12th on the all-time Kentucky scoring list and enabled Adolph Rupp to achieve his 800th victory during 1968-69.



CURTIS ROWE, UCLA: Now that Lew Aicindor is gone, the job of leading the national champion Bruins falls to this 6-7 All-Pacific-8 selection. Consistent as a sophomore, he averaged 12.9 points, 7.9 rebounds—second only to Aicindor in both categories. As a freshman, Rowe scored a record 51 points, breaking Aicindor's one-game high by three.

RUDY TOMJANOVICH, Michigan: A 6-8 center who can play forward as well, Tomjanovich averaged 25.7 points and 14.2 rebounds a game. He and Purdue's Rick Mount were the only unanimous choices on the All-Big Ten team. His 48 points against Indiana tied a Michigan record set by Cazzie Russell and was the best performance in the Big Ten last season. Against Loyola, his 30 rebounds set a Chicago Stadium record. Tomjanovich grew five inches between his sophomore and junior years in high school at Hamtramck, Michigan, where he was a prep All-American.



"READ AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE BASKETBALL PAPER"

says

**NBA ALL-STAR
DAVE DeBUSSCHERE OF
THE NEW YORK KNICKS**

18 BIG ISSUES \$5



BASKETBALL WEEKLY

- Amazingly Accurate Predictions
- Complete Pro & College Coverage
- Big Basketball Contest
- Features Not Found on Sports Pages
- Complete Statistics—Cumulative Scores
- Nationally Known Writers
- Read by Many Sportswriters, Broadcasters
- Money Back Guarantee
- Mailed From Detroit Each Tuesday Morning
- 40¢ a copy on News Stands
- Subscribe Now, Receive two Pre-Season Issues, Pro and College

You'll be the best informed basketball expert in your locality if you subscribe to BASKETBALL WEEKLY, the exciting new publication covering pro and college basketball. Published by the same people who publish *Football News*, it is in great demand by cage fans everywhere. You can receive all 18 issues covering the entire season for just \$5, and with it goes a solid money-back guarantee. You must be satisfied. Send your order in now.

FREE

Get two extra
pre-season
issues (pro & college)
by sending
order now.

MAIL COUPON TODAY!

BASKETBALL WEEKLY (Dept. 1 P.O. Box 2043, Detroit, Mich. 48231)

**YES—Send me the BASKETBALL WEEKLY for the
1969-70 season on a money-back guarantee.
My check or money order is enclosed.**

- ☐ \$5 2nd class
☐ \$9 1st class
☐ \$12 AIRMAIL
☐ New
☐ Renewal

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

A Lew Alcindor Photo Album

• At the tender age of 22, Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor, son of a New York City transit authority policeman, owns a \$1.4 million contract with the Milwaukee Bucks and already enough memories to stuff an album.

It was just eight years ago that Lew entered Power Memorial High School in New York as a 6-10 freshman center. He led his team to a 71-game winning streak which was finally snapped by DeMatha High School of Hyattsville, Md. His 2,067-career-point total and all-around play made the young giant the center of attraction for virtually every college in the country. And it was a memorable day when, on May 3, 1965, before a mass of television cameras, reporters and his proud mother, Lew announced he would be attending UCLA that fall.

The high point of Lew's freshman campaign with the Bruins came when he led the frosh to victory over the UCLA varsity. Sophomore year was even more notable. He scored his individual college game high of 61 points against Washington State and led the Bruins to a 30-0 record and the NCAA crown. It was during junior year that Lew experienced his first defeat in college ball. The loss came at the hands of Houston and Elvin Hayes in the Astrodome before a crowd of more than 52,000. An eye injury suffered the week before might have hampered Lew, but the defeat was still bitter.

The Uclans survived the loss, however, and went on to win their second NCAA title. In senior year, Lew led the Bruins to an unprecedented third straight national crown, and ended his collegiate career with 2,325 points and a first-team spot on every All-American team for each of his three seasons.

Then he became the central figure in a bidding war between the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA and the New York Nets of the fledgling ABA. Lew chose the Bucks, and of course his contract signing was a major happening.

As he begins life as a pro, he will have many more happenings and many more albums to stuff.

continued



A Lew Alcindor Photo Album



With high school
coach Jack Donohue.



An imposing defender
at Power Memorial
in New York City.



Announcing the
decision to
attend UCLA



Tanaka
made type of passer
as UCLA sophomore

Acott's NCAA title



As a lowly freshman

continued



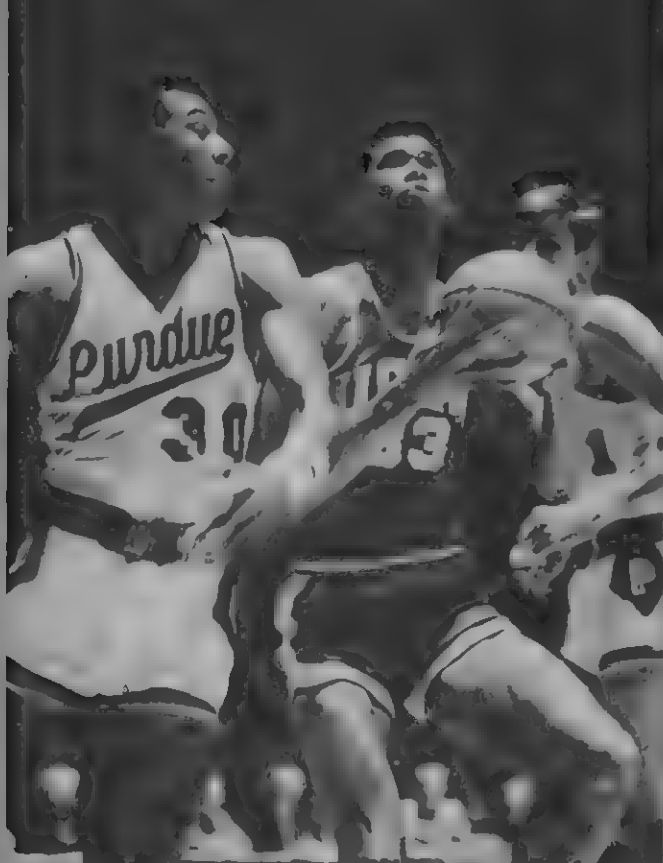
Let the great
come with
Eyr Hayes



A Lew Alcindor Photo Album



The 11th Eye

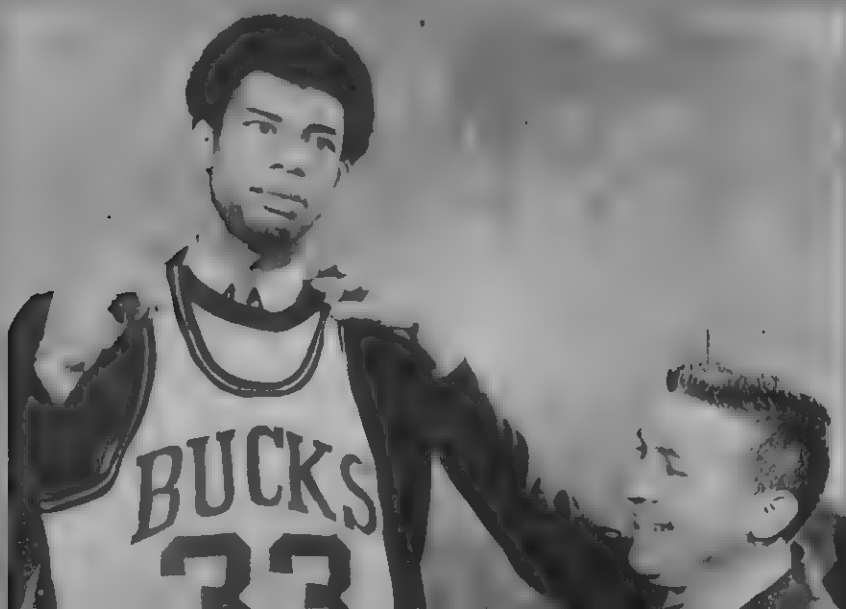


It was skidoo
for Purdue



Winner of the Naismith
trophy as best collegian
in 1969

Enter
the
pro



BASKETBALL FANS!

You Get Basketball News **NOW!**

... And All Year Long In...

BASKETBALL NEWS

Basketball's Only
Year-Around Magazine

Published monthly, May thru October
Twice monthly, November thru April

Complete NBA, ABA coverage and
statistics

Complete NCAA, NAIA coverage and
statistics

Small college, junior college and high
school stories, highlights

Feature stories; Feature photos

Complete year-around basketball news

A Partial List of College Coaches Receiving THE BASKETBALL NEWS:

Alabama	Hawaii	Michigan State
Ashland	Idaho State	New Mexico
Brandeis	Illinois	New York U.
U.C.-Santa Barbara	Indiana State	North Carolina
Central Conn. St.	Kentucky	Notre Dame
Cincinnati	Ky. Wesleyan	Oklahoma State
Cornell	Louisville	Purdue
Davidson	Long Beach St.	Rice
Delaware	Long Island U.	Rockhurst
Florida	Loyola (Ill.)	St. John's
Georgia	Maryland	St. Joseph's

A Partial List of Jr. College Coaches Receiving THE BASKETBALL NEWS:

Burlington, Ia.	Lake City, Fla.
Cypress, Calif.	Mercer Co., N.J.
Crowder, Mo.	Northwest, Wyo.
Eric Tech, N.Y.	Pasadena, Calif.
Flint, Mich.	Robert Morris, Pa.
Hutchinson, Kans.	Wright, Ill.

A Partial List of High School Coaches Receiving THE BASKETBALL NEWS:

Atlanta (Ga.) Westminster	Louisville (Ky.) Xavier
Aurora (Ill.) East	Medina (O.) H.S.
Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Washington	Midland (Pa.) Lincoln
Champaign (Ill.) Centennial	Neenah (Wis.) H.S.
Compton (Calif.) H.S.	Vincennes (Ind.) Lincoln
K.C. (Kans.) Wyandotte	Willow Glen (Calif.) H.S.

What The Fans Say:

"I thoroughly enjoy THE BASKETBALL NEWS. It is one of the most informative papers in the nation." — Lynn Hartt, Timpson, Texas.

"Your magazine is easily the best of its kind." — Paul Barber, Princeton, N.J.

"I look forward to each issue and want to thank you for looking after the fans." — Edward Schutte, Newport, R.I.

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

By JIM McKEE, Staff Writer

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

ALCINDOR ERA AT AN END

BUT BRUINS TO CARRY ON

Tournament Coverage

Page 2 — 1984-85 Canadian Bowl

Page 3 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 4 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 5 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 6 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 7 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 8 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 9 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 10 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 11 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 12 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 13 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 14 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 15 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 16 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 17 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 18 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 19 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 20 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 21 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 22 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 23 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 24 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 25 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 26 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 27 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 28 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 29 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 30 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 31 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 32 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 33 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 34 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 35 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 36 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 37 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 38 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 39 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 40 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 41 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 42 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 43 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 44 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 45 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 46 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 47 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 48 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 49 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 50 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 51 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 52 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 53 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 54 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 55 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 56 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 57 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 58 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 59 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 60 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 61 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 62 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 63 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 64 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 65 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 66 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 67 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 68 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 69 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

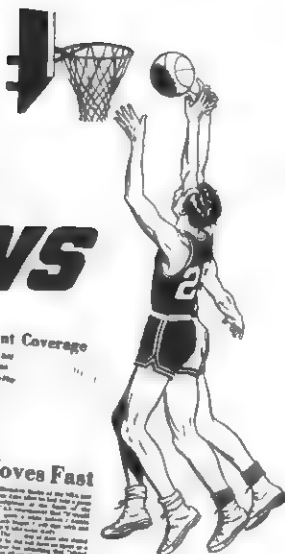
Page 70 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 71 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 72 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 73 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup

Page 74 — 1984-85 FIBA World Cup



BASKETBALL NEWS

Temple Owls A Surprise To All But Harry



Just . . . \$5.00 — One Year
\$8.50 — Two Years

(18 Issues Annually)

Money Back If Not Satisfied

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER:

"BASKETBALL'S BEST" — — — 64-Page Annual
Preview of NBA, FREE with every subscription.

ORDER INFORMATION
THE BASKETBALL NEWS
P.O. Box 1894
Coral Gables, Fla. 33134

☐ ONE YEAR: \$5.00
☐ TWO YEARS: \$8.50

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WALT FRAZIER: SUPER-KNICK

BY MURRAY JANOFF

Long Island Press

After two years in the NBA
Clutch of the New York Knickerbockers
is being talked of as the next Oscar Robertson



• First there was Bob Cousy. Then along came Oscar Robertson. Soon, the small man's stage in professional basketball will belong to Walt Frazier. He can't miss!

Oh yes, there have been many other so-called small men in this sport of giants who have excelled far and above. Jerry West . . . Hal Greer . . . the Jones boys . . . Bill Sharman . . . the roll call glitters with their names.

But since World War II days, when professional basketball began its organized climb through the bushes and toward the major markets and big money of today, it was Cousy and Oscar who captured the imagination of the public. It was Cousy and Oscar a million kids emulated in thousands of playgrounds, parks and farmyards.

Suddenly, the men who play this game dominated by height and muscle . . . by the tall ones like Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell who followed the George Mikan era . . . are themselves talking about the magic of another young small man.

Walt Frazier is not small physically. He is 6-4, and a strong 200 pounds, and he was rated by the National Basketball Association's coaches as the best defensive player in the league. Better than Bill Russell, mind you. And even Russell accepted it by saying, "I voted him all-league myself."

Why there are some who actually began comparing him to Oscar Robertson last winter. When is the last time you heard anything like that? And in New York, where Frazier is a much treasured property of the Knickerbockers, general manager Eddie Donovan said, "He is almost as good as Oscar right now."

"It's great to be compared with Oscar," Frazier said in his slow, laxy-like manner off court. "But I don't think I'm as good as he is . . . yet. Maybe I am on defense. But in other things, he's much better."

"What makes all this so satisfying though," Frazier added, "is that it has happened in only two years. Imagine . . . only two years . . . that's what makes it more beautiful."

No, it has been more than two years. It's been a good 15 years since Walt Frazier, a nine-year-old who played from sunup to sundown . . . who used the school hours to propel himself through one sports program after another . . . ran the two blocks daily from his family's duplex yellow and white house on a tree-lined street in Atlanta, Ga., to his favorite playground.

There, always in company of the older boys who recognized his abilities to shoot a basketball, hit a baseball and throw a football, he sprouted while the magic of Bob Cousy was holding the national stage in pro basketball.

"I heard about Cousy," Frazier laughed . . . after all what kid hadn't? . . . "but I never saw him play. Pro basketball never came down to Atlanta in those days and we didn't get it on TV."

But that's where it all began for Clyde Frazier . . . Oops . . . that's something else to understand immediately. It helps to illuminate the personality of the man. "Clyde" is the name tagged on Frazier by his Knick teammates.

Though appropriate because of his recognized ability to swipe the ball, it nevertheless was born when the team trainer, Danny Whalen, spied him wearing one of those Bonnie and Clyde era wide-brimmed fedoras.

But in Atlanta, Clyde didn't have the 20 suits he owns today, the half-dozen mod sports jackets, the dozen pair of lizard shoes (about \$80 a pair). He was the eldest of nine children. Seven sisters followed him. Then his brother Keith, who today is 11 "and a carbon copy of me."

"I remember the day he was born," Frazier grinned. "I was coming back from the playground and neighbors, sitting on porches, told me. I got angry. I had been living in a house with seven younger sisters. I didn't want any more children in the house."

Walter Sr. and Eula Frazier, Walt's parents, provided well for their children. The elder Frazier worked for Ford Motor

Co. and as Walt Jr. said, "We didn't live too bad."

Walt was a sophomore before he got up enough courage to go out for sports in high school. "I didn't think I was ready until then," he shrugged. "Maybe I was a little lazy, too."

For a guy so active on a basketball court, how come he has such a desire to sleep all the time? That's one of his favorite pastimes now. He takes an awful ribbing for it, especially from his roommate, Phil Jackson.

"Maybe I got a good training to be lazy," he grinned. "When I was very young, my grandfather lived with us. He used to do all my chores."

Though a late starter, by the time he finished high school, he had quarterbacked the football team to a city championship, and he had the college basketball scouts flocking to his door.

The story of the city championship football game reveals the leadership, patience, ability to overcome pressure that are part of Walt Frazier, candidate for No. 1 guard in pro basketball.

"We were behind and needed a touchdown to win," he recalled. "We had the ball on our 20 with only a couple of minutes left. I got hemmed in trying to pass and threw one left-handed. It was intercepted, but one of our players stole it out of the other guy's hands."

"On the next play, one of their defensive halfbacks fell down and our halfback ran to their 10-yard line. A couple of plays later, time was running out. I got to the goal line but was knocked down by one of my own players. 'You should have seen that huddle. It was fourth down and a foot to go and everybody was talking and the guy who knocked me down was crying. I had to slap his face. He was hysterical."

"I was nervous myself. The coach was, too. He never sent a play in. I guess he froze. I got everybody back to the line, took the ball on a quarterback sneak for a score. We won the game, the city title and I never played football again."

Frazier came close to entering Indiana. But he accepted the last scholarship coach Jack Hartman had available that year at Southern Illinois. The result was monumental.

Southern Illinois achieved an ambition to be recognized among major colleges in the sport. The Salukis won the National Invitation Tournament and Frazier was named MVP.

A parlay of two incidents proved to be good fortune for Frazier. The first was when he became ineligible to play one year because of low grades. He sat out and decided to spend the time working on defense against the varsity.

"Until then," he said, "I never paid any special attention to defense. I never liked it. But since I had to practice it, I decided to go all out. I figured I might as well like it. It was a means of keeping from getting bored."

The other half of the parlay occurred when the Knicks drafted him No. 1 in 1967. He still had one year of college eligibility left. But he had just finished a tremendous college basketball campaign; sat on top of the world, had a wife, Marsha, and an infant son, Walter III, living with him in a trailer on the Southern Illinois campus.

"I needed the money," he admitted. "But that wasn't the reason I decided to turn pro then. The reason was New York. I could go to New York. It didn't mean the end of college. I'm finishing up out there by taking courses each summer. But suppose I had gone back and I didn't have another great year? And then I may have gotten drafted by some other club. It could mean less money and someplace other than New York. That was the reason I turned pro."

But he had a frustrating rookie year. He fitted into the pattern of things immediately. But he injured an ankle in pre-season and got hurt again in the playoffs. In between, the attention usually reserved for a No. 1 draft pick was inadvertently directed elsewhere. The Knicks staged a whale of a publicity campaign when Bill Bradley came home from England to sign a fat contract after being away two years.

"Having Bradley around took a lot of pressure off me," Frazier said. "But I learned to live with pressure when I was a kid in the playgrounds. The older kids used to play for money. Shooting a basketball for nickels and dimes. They'd grab me

because I was a good shooter and make me shoot for them. I couldn't refuse because they were too big."

Then Frazier laughed, "And I learned something else. I learned a little bit about life. They never gave me a cent of their winnings."

Frazier now starts the 1969-70 season, his third, the end of a three-year contract he accepted when he came to the Knicks. Whatever he gets paid, he'll get a lot more when the renewal comes up. Which brings us back to this bit of Walt Frazier succeeding Oscar Robertson as pro basketball's No. 1 guard.

"Confidence," he said, "is the name of this game."

"Confidence," his coach, Red Holzman, reminded, "comes with maturity."

It is considered by several, including Celtic great Bill Russell, that Frazier began to mature on Feb. 4, 1968 . . . his rookie season. That night, Frazier led New York to its first regular-season victory in Boston since Dec. 22, 1962 . . . after 25 failures.

"Frazier had one helluva game," Russell said. "He certainly showed us he knows what he's doing."

Then Frazier came into the 1968-69 season, one in which the Knicks did some amazing things and Frazier began to make his presence known. Statistically, he didn't burn up the IBM machines.

"He's not that type of player," Holzman said. "But look at ALL his figures. Points, shooting averages, assists, rebounds. How often do you see a guy so consistently in double figures in points and rebounds and assists?"

Statistics, though cold and sometimes inaccurate descriptions of a man's overall talents, might provide some insight here. Compare Frazier with Oscar Robertson for the 1968-69 regular-season schedule, keeping in mind that Frazier didn't begin to play regularly until after the New York-Detroit trade in mid-December when he became a starter to replace Howard Komives.

Robertson scored 1,955 points (24.7 average per game) in 3,461 minutes of playing time, averaging almost 44 minutes a game. Frazier had 1,492 points (a 17.5 per game average), but in 2,949 minutes, less than 37 minutes average per game.

Oscar led the NBA with 722 assists. Frazier had 635. Oscar had 502 rebounds. Frazier had 499, only three less. Oscar shot 49 percent from the field, 84 percent from the foul line. Walt shot 51 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the line.

No other guard—West, Monroe, Wilkens, et al, all high in some categories—showed the balance in all departments that Frazier displayed to battle the Big O.

"He's completely unselfish," Holzman said. "He has poise. He doesn't get upset. And he thinks about defense. He's a complete ballplayer."

Frazier, who sported a thick mustache through most of the campaign, will talk about defense quite easily now. "Anticipation," he said. "That's what defense is. Anticipation."

The NBA coaches missed giving him a perfect ballot by only three points when they named him the No. 1 defenseman last March. For his sneaky ways, swiping the ball, intercepting the pass, blocking the shot, forcing errors.

"Playing defense is seeing what is going on and stepping out at the right time," he explains. "You get to know each player's reactions. You get to know when to go and when not to go. It depends on who has the ball. A lot of times, when you make the move to steal the ball, you gamble. You place yourself out of position."

But, he was told, you have seldom been wrong.

"Right," he said, "so far."

Frazier, who ended the 1969 playoffs with a pulled groin muscle and spent an extra month in New York treating the injury before heading back for a visit to the yellow and white house in Atlanta, has learned the ways of the world.

He spends money freely on clothes. He loves rock and roll music and is very interested in conversations that revolve around big salaries.

How many \$100,000 salaries are there in pro basketball?

"Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell, the big guys," Walt said. "If you believe what you read in the papers, Wes Unseld and Elvin Hayes. Elgin Baylor. Bill Bradley."

Then Frazier said, "One guard, Oscar Robertson. And maybe another, Jerry West."

There was this look in his eye as he said, "I'm going to try to be the No. 1 guard in the league starting this coming year. Oscar is getting a little older. West is getting a little older. All the others are getting a little older."

"I don't know how long it will take. But I'm going to try and get there as quick as I can. When I start to make \$100,000 a year, then I'll believe I caught Oscar."

Frazier has acquired everything else that he has wanted.

The clothes . . . those wild, wonderful, mod clothes which put him on par with the best-dressed athletes of the year. "He's learning," said teammate Dick Barnett who introduced him to

continued on page 69

"I'm going to try to be the No. 1 guard in the league"



SOUTH

BASKETBALL'S CHOICE:

SOUTH CAROLINA, KENTUCKY DAVIDSON, WESTERN KENTUCKY

BY STEVE GUBACK
Washington Star

• It used to be in Dixie that cotton was king. Well, suh, this year it may be Adolph Rupp or Frank McGuire, who have royal backgrounds, the sort of teams to excite the populace and a clear shot at the national crown.

Rupp's domain is Kentucky and, as they say, he has the horses. Specifically, four starters back from last year's Southeastern Conference titlewinners, including super-stuffers Dan Issel, Mike Casey and Mike Pratt.

Rupp has over 800 coaching victories (810 to be exact) and the end is nowhere in sight. The Wildcats won the SEC title a year ago with a three-game bulge. Top challengers Vanderbilt and Tennessee, while still hardy, each lost a key wheel—Tom Hagan and Bill Justus, respectively.

South Carolina, McGuire's new stamping ground, is pure rags-to-riches stuff. Just five years ago, the Gamecocks won only six games. Now McGuire's rebuilding is complete. With all starters back from last year's 21-7 outfit, plus 6-10 soph Tom Riker moving up, the Gamecocks figure to prevail in the traditionally-rugged Atlantic Coast Conference over classy Duke. North Carolina, heavily hit by graduation, has Charlie Scott, some soph gems and may not be as bad off as it would seem.

Even without coach Lefty Driesell, Davidson remains the class of the Southern Conference. The battle there will be for second place. Driesell has gone to Maryland, but he left the front line, including Mike Maloy, from his 27-3 team behind.

The crystal ball shows Western Kentucky, with 7-foot Jim McDaniels, overthrowing Murray State, last year's champs with all starters back, in a torrid Ohio Valley Conference race. Florida State with Dave Cowens and Miami with Don Cornell pace the independents. And individually, of course, who else but LSU's Pete Maravich to lead the hit parade? That could be the safest pick of them all.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

KENTUCKY: There's a hunch that Adolph Rupp wants a fifth NCAA championship before retiring to his cattle ranch and this is the Wildcat crew that could do it. The Baron welcomes All-America Dan Issel; two other All-SEC first team choices in Mike Casey and Mike Pratt, plus SEC all-soph selection Larry Steele off a 23-5 team that won a second straight league title and shattered school scor-

ing records. Only Phil Argento (10.0) is missing, but Rupp can pick from an 18-4 frosh team or move up one of last year's reserves. The 6-8 Issel (26.6 ppg) broke Alex Groza's old scoring mark. Casey (19.1) set a record in assists and Pratt (16.9) added another in field goal accuracy. Touted sophs like 6-6 Tom Parker, 6-8 Randy Noll, 6-8 Mark Soderberg and guard Kent Hollenbeck (20 ppg with frosh) should keep the regulars hustling, something a guy named Rupp also does pretty well.

VANDERBILT: The Commodores should chart an interesting course. They lose Tom Hagan (23.4 ppg), three-time All-SEC guard. They also finished 15-11 last season, the first time in five years Vandy didn't win at least 20. Now for the pluses. All-SEC cornerman 6-7 Thorpe Weber (15.7) returns and there's a 6-7 soph, Chris Schweer, almost a carbon copy in style, ready to occupy the other corner spot. Vet Perry Wallace (15.0) will open at center, but 7-2 soph Steve Turner obviously could take over big. Backcourt assignments swing among Rudy Thacker (12.3), Dan Due and sophs Tom Arnold and Jim Conn. Arnold hit 22.5 with the frosh. It adds up to a possible high-rise.

TENNESSEE: The Vols (21-7) chased Kentucky home in the SEC race a year ago and took third in the National Invitation Tournament. Coach Ray Mears welcomes three starters back—6-10 Canadian Bobby Croft (15.2), who made the All-NIT team, 6-5 Don Johnson (11.5), who roamed the high post, and Jimmy England (12.3), who played the left wing and made the SEC's all-soph club. Replacing guards Bill Hann and Bill Justus is the major problem, but the guessing is that 5-10 Rudy Kinnard, who is quick like Justus, and 6-7 Tommy Leone will move in. Tommy McLaughlin (6-4) looms as the best of the sophs. One thing about Tennessee, it keeps its defenses up, always a wise precaution. The Vols ranked second nationally in that department last year.

AUBURN: One night last season, the kind Auburn fans like to remember, Johnny Mengelt, who was to become the SEC's Soph of the Year, hit 42 points against Kentucky. On the same night in the prelim, Henry Harris hit 43 against the Kentucky frosh. Now both will be on the Tiger varsity and the Plainsmen instead could be rather fancy. Mengelt finished 19.4 with the 15-10 varsity. Also back are center Billy Alexander (13.4) and guard Carl Shet-

ler (12.9). There's not much height, but accurate gunning makes rebounding less important. Last season the Tigers hit .502, second only to UCLA in the nation.

GEORGIA: Looks can be deceiving. Georgia will look the same as last season (13-12), but should be much tougher to handle. That's because Ken Rosemond has all hands returning (nine lettermen), including 6-11 Bob Lienhard (23.8), who holds nine school records and should break a few more. Other starters are guards Jerry Epling (18.0), Larry Taylor (12.0) and Barry Cohen, who was ineligible most of the year, plus forwards Cort Nagle (6.4) and Tom Brennan (6.6). Frosh standout 6-6 Dick Toth (19.9) should provide extra forward oomph. Rosemond thinks added savvy means better defense and more consistency. That's all that was lacking a year ago.

FLORIDA: All-American Neat Walk is gone along with starters Boyd Welsh and Mike Leatherwood and last year's 18-9 record will soon be only a fond memory. Coach Tommy Bartlett starts the reconstruction around holdovers Andy Owens, a 6-5 16-point scorer who made All-SEC, and junior Ed Lukko (9.9). Soph Gary Waddell, who is 6-10 and hit 20.9 ppg with the frosh, now has the Walk-in part. Transfers Earl Finley and Tom Purvis, both 6-7, varsity returnees Robert Agee (6-5) and Jeff Miller, plus newcomers Cliff Cox, Hal Kelley, Tony Duvall and Jerry Hoover all will try to apply their new formula for Gatorade now.

LOUISIANA STATE: Pistol Pete Maravich, who has put 43.8-point and 44.2-point seasons back to back, got the Tigers up to the breakeven (13-13) mark last season, but again illustrated a key point—that one man can't do it all. An exceedingly rough schedule may offset the extra help that comes this season from soph rebounders Bill Newton (6-8), Al Sanders (6-6) and Kent Johnson (6-5). Joining Maravich as holdover guards are Jeff Tribbett and Rich Mickman, while 6-8 Danny Hester is back at forward. Maravich could shatter Oscar Robertson's all-time scoring record as a senior, but unless the Tigers tighten their defense only Pete will wind up riding high.

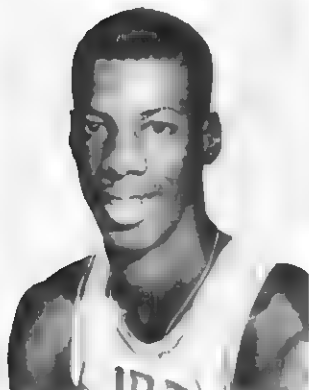
continued

Kentucky's Dan Issel (44) battles
LSU's Pete Maravich

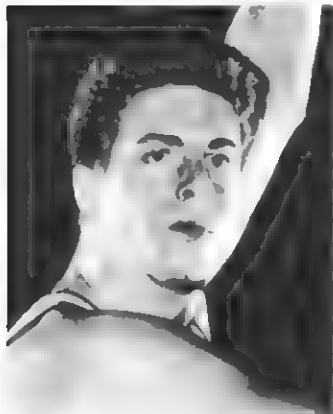




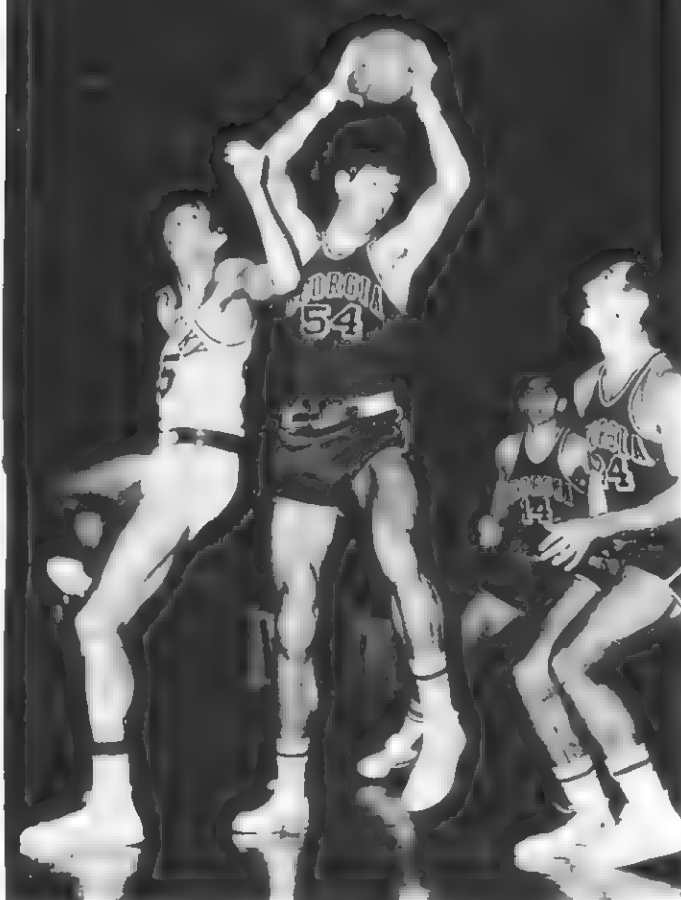
Don Curnutt
Miami



Charlie Scott
North Carolina



Dave Cowens
Florida State



Bob Lienhard (54) brings a 23.8 average into the Georgia lineup

SOUTH

continued

MISSISSIPPI STATE: The Bulldogs (8-17) can't growl without a big man and coach Joe Dan Gold hasn't any on the leash. There should be more speed and depth, but scoring leader Manuel Washington (15.4) and Chuck Wade (12.1), both starters, are gone. Center John Guyton (6-7, 12.8 ppg) heads the returnees, which also include regulars Jim Martin (6-6, 11.5 points) and Randy Hodges (6-3, 7.7 ppg) at forwards, plus parttime guard Donnie Black. Key could hinge on soph guard Jack Bouldin, who hit 22.5 with the frosh, and junior college transfer Bob Russell, who unfortunately won't be confused with Bill

ALABAMA: Last year's 4-20 disaster indicates the problem. First, 'Bama got a new coach, C. M. Newton, who starts his second year. Now Bama gets a new team, with possibly five soph starters. The rookies know how to score at least, hitting over 100 points 12 times. Upright it's 6-8 Alan House, 6-6 Kim Wilk and 6-10 Doug Gamble with 6-3 Jimmy Hollon and 6-0 Bobby Lynch in the rear. Junior George Harrison (6-9) may be the only veteran, at col-

ter. The club is still a year or two away, but the new green look may someday brighten the old Crimson.

MISSISSIPPI: Ole Miss will be missing its two top scorers off last year's 10-14 team, so things are so-so. Guard Ron Coleman (12.6), who had an off-season back operation, heads those coming back. Forward Tom Butler, a 6-7, 9.5 scorer, and guard Charlie Ward (7.5) are other old hands. Junior college transfers Gaylon Baird (6-6) and Bruce Rich (6-4) and sophs like Hank List, Steve Fyffe, Gary Johnson, Jim Farr and Duane Boucher will try to give the Rebels cheer.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

SOUTH CAROLINA: It's funny that a team with so many rail-thin starters can throw so much weight around. The Gamecocks were 21-7 last year, the winningest team in USC history, and have all hands returning, which should mean an ACC title and a top-10 ranking that was just barely missed last go-round. The Super Sophs of '69—John Roche, Tom Owens, Bill Walsh and John Ribock—plus One (Bob Cremens) play good defense, take the percentage shot and were good enough last year to



ACC Player of Year John Roche returns for South Carolina

hand LaSalle its only loss, win the Quaker City Tourney and split with North Carolina. Roche, 23.6 ppg, was the ACC Player of the Year, the first soph ever to win the accolade Owens, a 6-10, 192-pounder, averaged 16.4 and led the loop in rebounding. Giddy prospects are further enhanced by a 15-1 frosh team that produces wunderkind 6-10 Tom Riker, who'll have to play somewhere, and 6-2 Bob Carver, who also figures to add to the excitement

DUKE: After 10 seasons, four ACC titles and seven teams ranked nationally in the top 10, Vic Bubas steps out as Blue Devil skipper to move up in the university administration. New coach Bucky Waters inherits more than a winning tradition. Top three scorers from last year's 15-13 club return—husky 6-10 Randy Denton (17.4), the best Duke rebounder since Mike Lewis, 6-7 forward Rick Katherman (13.7) and flashy guard Dick DeVenzio (12.2). Added upfront help comes from 6-9 Larry Saunders, a gee-whiz transfer from Northwestern, and 6-6 soph Don Blackman. That's a lot of height. Reserve Brad Evans joins DeVenzio in backcourt. Blue Devils finished fast last season, should continue bubbly rise under Waters

NORTH CAROLINA: After three straight trips to the NCAA's final shootoffs, the Tar

Heels' talent now is on the move. Graduation stripped off three-season stars Bill Bunting, Dick Grubar and 6-11 Rusty Clark. Coach Dean Smith insists that the club can't possibly be improved in any area, but the drop isn't going to resemble Niagara Falls. All-American Charlie Scott (22.3) is still on call and he won that "Great Scott!" label legitimately last year in leading a 27-5 year. Lee Dedmon, the 6-10 center (8.7) should improve, and swing guards Eddie Fogler and Jim Delany add savvy. A crack frosh team arrives just in the nick of time. It provides two 6-5 gems, Dennis Wuyick and Bill Chamberlain, plus guard Steve Previs, all of whom have plush possibilities.

WAKE FOREST: After winning only 14 games in his first two seasons, coach Jack McCloskey gave the Deacon fans that heavenly feeling last season (18-9). All key hands are back, except for guard Jerry Montgomery, who averaged only 8.7. Nicely-balanced holdover cast includes slick All-ACC Charlie Davis, who can shoot (22.8) and muscular Gilbert McGregor, who does the rebounding and adds a 12.6 ppg. Dickie Walker (12.7) and Norwood Todmann (11.0) bring the count up to four twin-figuremen. For Montgomery's berth, 6-1 soph John Lewkowicz has credentials (22.0 with frosh). McCloskey also has more than the usual



Randy Denton
Duke



Kenny Foster
Richmond



Dick DeVenzio
Duke



Bobby Croft
Tennessee



Jerry Kroll
Davidson



Vann Williford
North Carolina State

company on the bench

N.C. STATE: It isn't football, but credit the Wolfpack with six key points—four good holdovers, led by 6-6 Vann Williford, and two hot sophs. Williford, a 21.6 scorer, gets upfront help now from 6-9 Paul Coder, who could be the big man (24.1 ppg, 12.0 rebounds with frosh) the Pack has lacked. With 6-6 Dan Wells still available upfront, coach Norm Sloan now shifts 6-6 Rick Anheuser to guard, a move not quite as drastic as it sounds. In his 1-3-1 alignment, either 6-1 Jim Risinger or 6-5 soph Ed Leftwich will quarterback things. Pack, 15-10 a year ago, has spoiler possibilities

MARYLAND: Lefty Driesell took off from Davidson, promising that Maryland will become "the UCLA of the East." It won't happen this season, but the Terps (8-18) figure to approach the break-even mark this go-around for a starter. An easier schedule, plus three twin-figure returnees—6-7 Will Hetzel (23.3), guard Mickey Wiles (11.8) and 6-6 Rod Horst (10.8) promise immediate band-aid. Hetzel, brother of ex-Davidson All-American Fred Hetzel, could finish senior year as Terps' all-time top scorer. A 12-4 frosh team produces 6-8 Charley Blank, 6-5 Sparky Still and 6-3 Jay

continued

Flowers, who combined for 55 points a game Vets Tom Milroy, Chuck Worthington and Dick Stobaugh also are around as six of last season's top seven return for Lefty's bugle call

CLEMSON: The luckless Tigers figure to be caught short again. Coach Bobby Roberts doesn't have a man taller than 6-7, so the club's firepower must come long-range again from the backcourt where little Butch Zatezalo operates. Zatezalo (25.8) led the ACC in scoring last season for the second straight year, but couldn't lift Clemson above the 6-19 mark. Guard Dave Thomas (10.3) and Ronnie Yates (12.4), a small forward at 6-4, are other fixtures. Roberts hopes that 6-7 soph Greg Latin (23.0 with the frosh) and Jerry Black develop rapidly like Polaroid; otherwise juniors Dickie Foster and Pete Weddell must try again

VIRGINIA: The Cavaliers' 10-15 record didn't cheer many folks last season, including a couple of guards who launched a coach-Bill-Gibson-must-go crusade and instead got their own heave-ho. On top of that, graduation stripped the tall men away. That leaves 6-5 Mike Wilkes (15.7), plus a large supply of questionmarks. Ex-ace Chip Case is trying to recover from two knee operations, junior guard Kevin Kennelly (6.2 ppg) must develop consistency, and 6-9 Scott McCandlish (17.1 with frosh) is trying to put on weight. Other hopes are juniors Billy Gerry and Bill Fulton, soph guards Chip Miller and Tim Rash. The Cavs have never finished in ACC first division. It's one of many team records this season that should stand

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

DAVIDSON: Terry Holland must feel like the fellow whose rich uncle died and left him a fortune. With Lefty Dreisell gone to Maryland and Larry Brown not sticking around long enough to coach a game, Holland inherits the best of last year's 27-3 team. All-American Mike Maloy (24.6 ppg, 14.3 rebounds), Doug Cook (14.6 and 9.6) and Jerry Kroll (16.0). Maloy was the SC's Player of the Year. Replacements are needed for backcourt men Dave Moser and Wayne Huckel, but soph Bryan Adrian, whose 28.9 average with the frosh is Davidson's all-time high, should help fill the bill. Other assets include 6-8 soph center Eric Minkin and holdover reserves like 6-6 Steve Kirley and guard Ron Stelzer. The Wildcats, ranked in top five of both wire service polls last season, look like another big winner

GEORGE WASHINGTON: The Colonials (14-11) should be better balanced, if only because nobody is likely to match Bob Tallent's 28.9 average. Tallent led GW to its first winning record in nine years. Now brother Mike (17.0), the other half of the Tallent-ed one-two punch, takes over with newcomer Ronnie Nunn, who broke Mike Tallent's frosh scoring record with 29.2 ppg last year. Bill Knorr (10.0) returns at center with possible help from Larry Keivirtis, a junior college transfer. Forwards include jumping Harold Rhyme (8.4), Walt Szczerbiak, 6-10 John Conrad and sophs Len Baltimore and Maurice Johnson. GW gets its last crack at SC title, but only because it has elected to go independent next year

Western Kentucky expects even bigger things from 7 foot Jim McDaniels



Mike Tallent
George Washington



Charles Davis
Wake Forest



Willie Taylor
The Citadel



John Guyton
Mississippi State



Butch Zatezalo
Clemson



Will Hetzel
Maryland

EAST CAROLINA: Tom Quinn was the SC Coach of the Year last season with his yo-yo offense, which went from 9-16 to 17-11. The three key starters are back intact - 6-7 Jim Modlin, a 15-point scorer with 53.6 accuracy, 6-7 Jim Gregory (12.0) who holds the school rebound records, and playmaker-guard Tom Miller. Quinn must replace last season's co-captains, Richard Kier and Earl Thompson, but two 6-6 sophs, Jim Fairley and Ronnie Leppers, plus rookie guards Julius Prince and Greg Crouse, should keep the Bucs' yo-yo near the top of the string.

RICHMOND: Forgetting last season's 13-14 record for the moment, coach Lewis Mills can look back now and say that he didn't actually lose much. Five of the top six Spider scorers return, including Kenny Foster (20.1), Picot Frazier (13.0) and Stan Ryfinski (11.4). Foster, the All-SC guard, gives the team a solid outside threat. What's lacking is team speed and a balancing inside punch. Mills can't do anything about the speed, but he thinks that Ryfinski and Frank Owen (10.1), the cornermen, and 6-8 center Jim Hewitt, who was injured most of last year, should be greatly improved.

THE CITADEL: There's good reason for coach Dick Campbell to be feeling chipper. Three starters return from last year's 13-12 team, the best in four years, but better yet, The Citadel rewarded him with a new five-year contract. The returning starters are Willie Taylor (14.9), Jerry Hirsch (13.8) and Ben Ledbetter (9.4). Campbell's first recruiting class also is moving up with some needed height - 6-7 Mike Ruddle, 6-5 Lou Meckstroth and Jack Mehl. The club still has a way to go, but long hikes are old stuff to the Cadets.

WILLIAM AND MARY: The best Indian-sign to coach Warren Mitchell is that four starters return (forwards Paul King, 11.1, and Steve Dodge, 10.4, plus guards Scott McLennan, 9.6, and Harry Kent, 11.7) but only two of them may be good enough to hold their line. Welcome mat is out for Bob Sherwood, the league's top scorer (22.7) in '68 who missed last season with hepatitis, plus junior college transfers Tom Jasper (6-5) and Mike Schemmering, and crack sophs Randy Smith and Dick Gillespie, both 6-7. There should be a definite Indian uprising.

FURMAN: The Paladins lose top gun Dick Estleck (24.5), but coach Frank Selvy, who used to be a big scorer himself a few years ago, thinks his club could be stronger. The other four starters from 9-17 team return - 6-6 Joe Brunson, 12th nationally in rebounding; 6-5 Jim Daly, who finished strong a year ago, and guards Steve McCammon (12.7) and Charlie Selvy (9.6), the coach's brother. Biggest lift comes from 6-6 Lisso Thomas, a junior college transfer, and 6-8 soph Ron Livesay (17.2 ppg, 11.5 rebounds with frosh). Defensive ace John Campbell adds gloss to the bench.

VIRGINIA MILITARY: Mike Schuler is the new top-kick and he'll have to call muster early. Four of last year's top five scorers are gone, which indicates a serious troop shortage. Best of the returning vets are forwards Jan Essensburg (7.2) and Jim Sefick (6.2), who were late starters on a weak 5-18 team. Either 6-5 Walt Ivkovich or 6-6 Jim Gillespie figure at center, with 6-6 soph Fred Allison challenging Brightest newcomer is soph guard Jerry Renfro



All American Mike Maloy drives for the basket

(16.8 with frosh), who should win a backcourt job easily. Finding his playmate ranks high among Schuler's worries.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

WESTERN KENTUCKY: Start off with 7-foot Jim McDaniels, who has a devastating touch for a big man, and the Hilltoppers are obviously shooting high. McDaniels was the OVC's leading scorer (24.8) last season as a soph. All told, nine of 11 letterwinners return from last year's 16-10 club, which should mean consistency, a lack last year. Jerome Perry (12.0), Clarence Glover and Wayne Bright are holdovers upfront while Jim Rose (12.2) does pretty things in the backcourt. Three sophs Danny Johnson, Terry Davis and Steve Eaton, compete as Rose's running mate. Davis averaged 22.7 with the frosh. Talented Hilltoppers are shooting for 13th title in 22-year history of the league and have odds on their side.

MURRAY STATE: Maybe things don't really happen in threes, but they'll have a hard time convincing Cal Luther's Racers of it. Mur-

ray (22-6) finished on top of the OVC standings for the second straight year last season, knocked off Morehead for the NCAA tourney berth, and has all starters back. The best Racer to hit the area since Majestic Prince could be 6-5 Claude Virden, whose rebounding and 23.5 ppg earned him the league's MVP award. The other forward, Hector Blondett (14.6) also was All-OVC. Rest of the cast includes Ron Johnson at center and guards Jim Young, Don Fun-neman and Frank Streety.

EASTERN KENTUCKY: Eastern won 10 of its last 13 games last season and was playing very Strongly. Now coach Guy Strong has four returning starters from that fourth-place outfit (13-9) and a potential darkhorse title team. Vet cast includes 6-9 Boyd Lynch (11.5), who excited folks with 33 in his last game, plus Willie Woods (16.2), Toke Coleman (13.9) and Carl Greenfield (10.4). Pushing for the vacant spot are soph guards George Bryant and Billy Burton. The vacancy is a big one, with top-scorer Bobby Washington (20.1) no longer around.

MOREHEAD STATE: After finishing in a first-place tie, the Eagles (18-9) are caught in continued



Rebounders Bill Knorr (50) and Harold Rhyne (22) are back for George Washington

SOUTH

continued

the downswing. Three starters have graduated and coach Bob Wright left to work on his doctor's degree. New coach Bill Harrell inherits 6-3 Ron Gathright, former Eagle fullback who packs power on the boards, and guard Bobby Hiles, the playmaker type. The lone scholarship player on the frosh, 6-1 guard Eddie Conley, could help. Ditto for 6-3 Jerry King, out of the intramurals. Last year's reserves, Don Byars, Jerry Huesman, 6-8 Jimmy Day, Jerry Umberger and 6-7 Al Harney hope to show more

EAST TENNESSEE: Subtract Skeeter Swift (21.7) from last year's team and the Buccaneers (15-11) no longer are quite as scary. There's hope that 6-2 soph Tommy Martin, off his 27.0 frosh average, can fill the spot, swiftly. Senior Mike Kretzer, a 6-5 forward with a 19-point average, is the league's leader in accuracy, 6-7 Bill Stringer is club's top rebounder, and Gordon Gifford returns as a starting guard. Other pluses are 6-6 Phil Willford, likely start-

er at forward, and 6-9 soph Jerry McNabb, who impresses with his outside shot

MIDDLE TENNESSEE: The Raiders have had only five winning seasons since 1948 but new coach Jimmy Earle could debut with No. 6. The key will be 6-5, 220-pound forward Ken Riley, who missed last year with a knee injury. Guard Stan Sumrell, out last go-round for disciplinary reasons, also is hoping to come back. If so, it'll be a formidable cast with 7-0 Booker Brown, 6-4 Terry Scott and guard Steve McElhane returning from last year's 13-13 team. Soph guard John Drew also draws some raves

TENNESSEE TECH: Top scorers Ron Sutton (16.6) and Bill Bland (12.6) are goodies back from 13-11 team but there's slack from three missing regulars. Art Bosnak (7-0, 230 pounds) has size to fill any void, but he needs much polish. Other hopes are 6-3 reserve John Carmichael and frosh hot-shots Richard Stone (24.4), 6-9 Mike Agan (18.1) and Dan Furlong (14.1). The Eagles will be doing well to hold their own on this flight

AUSTIN PEAY: Take away captain Holly Heaberlin and rebounder Charlie Moore from last year's 10-14 team and the Governors obviously lack strength at the polls for this campaign. But Howard Wright, second in the league in scoring (24.3), could eliminate a lot of wrongs. Larry Noble has a nice ring with his 17.5 average, while soph dandy Tom Santel, who averaged 23.4 with the frosh, joins the Govs' administration at the proper time

OTHERS

MIAMI: Don Curnutt, the Hurricanes' ultrabright scoring ace (27.5), returns for his senior fling. That's enough to make Ron Godfrey's sunshine crew sort of a visitors' tourist trap. Prospects are gaudier than a year ago (14-10) because the next three point-getters, 6-5 Willie Allen (14.7), 6-7 Wayne Canaday (14.0) and Mike Hutslar (10.2), also are back. Soph Robert Spagnolo could fill second backcourt spot. If 6-8 Jerry Eastman has recovered from leg injury, chalk up another plus. Curnutt, best Miami scorer since Rick Barry, multiplies by twos

FLORIDA STATE: When you have seven lettermen off an 18-8 club who aren't figured to start, something's up. More specifically, it's the Seminoles' cage fortunes, headed by 6-9 Dave Cowens. Cowens lifted his average to 20.3 last season and ranked sixth nationally in rebounding with 17 per game. Junior Skip Young (15.0) is the playmaker. Blue-chip newcomers include sophs Rowland Garrett (6-6) and Ron Harris (6-4), both high-scoring high school All-Americans, and junior college leaper Vernell Elizy, a most sought-after prize. Add it up and FSU appears to have more talent than ever with all those lettermen like Willie Williams, Jan Gies and Randy Cable itching to spring from the bench

GEORGIA TECH: The Yellow Jackets' hopes ride high on 6-9½ Rich Yunkus, who set four Tech records last season and now hopes to improve on one. Georgia Tech's 12-13 log. Despite his 24.1 average, the Engineers failed to sliderule a winner, but that seems to be corrected now. In addition to Yunkus, coach Whack Hyder has three other holdover starters, 6-7 forward Bob Seemer (13.2) and guards Jim Thorne (6.4) and John Vervzer (5.1). Allan Tison, a 6-7 redshirt, and guard John Hoggie will fit in, although Hyder would appreciate a little more speed

WEST VIRGINIA: The Mountaineers (13-14) shipped to only their second losing season in 25 years, but new coach Sonny Moran sees a few bright rays. The top three scorers are back—6-3 guard Bob Hummel (15.5), 6-5 Larry Woods (14.0) and 6-5 Skip Kintz (12.0). For good measure, 7-foot center Mike Heitz moves up from the frosh, along with Wil Robinson (21.6) and Curtis Price. There are no stars like Hundley, West or Thorn, but Moran figures his fast break and pressure defense should keep things humming reasonably well

CENTENARY: The Gentlemen ranked 13th last year among the nation's field goal shooters, but hit the skids a bit too often (9-18), too. Jesse Marshall (6-7, 15 ppg) and guard Lee Mansell (12.0) provide handy inside-out combination, with 6-6 red-shirt Mike Tebbe available now to help. Coach Joe Swank has eye out for some raycee transfers, which indicates the schedule looks tougher than the team

LOYOLA (New Orleans): Top-scorer Charley Powell (24.0) departs and coach Bob Luksta, as they say, may be way down in yonder New Orleans. Ty Marionaux, a 6-10 junior with an 11-point average, along with sophs Tim Schneider and Chris Oswald, both high-scorers with the frosh, will try to eliminate the blues

SAMFORD: The Bulldogs (5-21) bit off more than they could chew last season, tackling nine major college opponents. With seven lettermen and six junior college transfers, coach Van L. Washer hardly anticipates another washout year. Hopes rest on 6-5 Karl Neilson (19.5), 6-4 Phil Schumacher (10.0) and 5-11 Frank Starkey (9.0) off last year's team, plus newcomers like 6-9 Rod Behrens, 6-6 Sherman Hogan and 6-4 Randy Long

TENNESSEE STATE: All systems are go for Ed Martin's Tigers, who seem certain to go farther than last season's 14-12 log. For starters, Martin has all of them back, including Theodore McClain, whose 29.5 average put him among the nation's small college top five. Other vets are Lloyd Neal (15.4), Ron Dorsey (15.5), Bob Mathis (7.4) and Joe Leavell (8.8). These Tigers averaged a dizzy 90.8 points last year.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE: There's a lack of inside punch and rebounding, so coach Floyd Brown will have to gear things to guards Ronald McCrimmon (12.6) and Herman Rose (5.6). Only upfront holdover from last year's 14-10 outfit is Steve Humphrey (13.3), but he can't handle the boards alone

VIRGINIA TECH: The Gobblers (14-11 and 14-12 the last two years) have lost a little of their old-time strut. Only starters returning are guard Loyd King (11.0) and 6-6 forward Ron Wagner (10.2). Seniors Dale Manuel, a 6-7 forward, and guard Walt Deskins now get their chance. John Blessing, the 6-11 junior center, figures to be used only in spots. Added help comes from 6-5 soph Bill McNeer and 6-2 Wayne Lockett, who returns after missing too often on some classroom tests

TULANE: With five of last year's NCAA tourney teams on the schedule and with only two starters back, the Green Wave may not create a very loud roar. Holdover regulars from 12-14 club are 6-8 John Sutter (11.7) and Harold Sylvester (10.7), the post man in club's V offense. Skipper Ralph Pedersen will pick and choose the rest from among Greg Roberts and Dennis Riddle, both 6-7, and guards Ned Reese, Mike Billingsley and Mike Henry. The Greenies (88.2 ppg last season) figure to score, but the opposition is likely to get more

FLORIDA SOUTHERN: The top three scorers from 13-12 club are gone and the Moccasins are no shoo-in to do any better. Only 6-2 Joshua High looks like a sure starter with John Jurecko and Glenn Merkel outside possibilities. However, coach Tom Green is shedding no tears. He thinks his roundup of junior college talent—Ray Willis, Jerry Gray, Miles Johnson, Mike Lester and Peter Platt—is something

NORTH CAROLINA A&T: The Aggies have a nice one-two punch Daryle Cherry (20.0), who does the scoring, and Vernon Walker, who snags the rebounds. A third senior, Tommy Blackman, moves from forward to guard to set things up. Sophs Charlie Evans and William Buckingham, both 6-4, round it out. •



Mike Wilkes
Virginia



Claude Virden
Murray State



Ron Coleman
Mississippi



Howard Wright
Austin Peay



Rich Yunkus
Georgia Tech



Ron Sutton
Tennessee Tech



Ron Gathright
Morehead State



Willie Woods
Eastern Kentucky



Bob Hummell
West Virginia



John Sutter
Tulane



Andy Owens
Florida



Rowland Garrett
Florida State

BASKETBALL YEARBOOK'S

1969-1970 ALL-AMERICA

BY ROBERT LAPIDUS

• What especially distinguishes BASKETBALL YEARBOOK'S 1969-70 lineup is the players' involvement in other areas of school life and some high academic achievement

Tom McMillen, a 6-11 center, is a returnee from last year's All-America squad. Tom, who hails from Mansfield, Pa., averaged 39.1 points a game last season and was named the No. 1 player in Pennsylvania by the Harrisburg *Patriot*. Tom is equally brilliant off the court, ranking third in his class academically.

Dwight Jones is a 6-9 forward from Phyllis Wheatley High, Houston, Tex. In his junior year he averaged 25.5 points a game and 20 rebounds, and was a member of the state championship team for two consecutive years. Dwight was also junior class president and spent the last two summers working for his high school's parks and recreation program.

Bill Morris, 6-8, chosen as a forward, plays center for his Beaumont H.S. team in St. Louis. He had a 22.1-point average and was named to the All-Conference, All-Metropolitan and All-State teams. Bill can score from either inside or outside, and is an excellent team player.

Greg Lee, a 6-4 backcourtman from Reseda, Calif., averaged 27.3 points and had 8.3 assists

in leading his team to the runner-up spot in the Los Angeles city championships. Academically, Greg, who was named All-Los Angeles City Player of the Year, ranks first in his class of 225.

John Williamson, a 6-2 guard from New Haven, Conn., rounds out the first team. John won All-District and All-State honors and holds the school scoring record of 52 points. A good leader, John was voted captain of his team for senior year.

The second team is led by 7-3 center Tom Burleson, from Avery County, N. C. Tom led his team to a 23-2 record, averaging 29.7 points a game and 23 rebounds. He also won spots on the All-Northwest North Carolina and All-Southern teams.

Power Memorial High School, New York, is famous for producing fine basketball players, including a lad named Lewis Alcindor. This year Power has another find in Ed Searcy, a 6-6 forward who averaged 14.3 a game and was named to the CHSAA All-Tourney and All-Division teams and several All-City squads.

Roy Ebron, a 6-8 1-2 player from Booker T Washington High in Norfolk, Va., holds down the other forward position. Roy, an All-State

selection, hit for a 24.6 point average last year. He also showed some fine defense, blocking an average of six shots per game.

Being the coach's son never hurts, but in the cases of Dave Shepherd and Tom Kivisto, backcourtmen for the second team, their talent alone is all they need. Dave, whose father coaches him at Carmel (Ind.) High, averaged 31.6 points and was the main reason Carmel finished with an undefeated regular season. Dave was also president of his sophomore and junior classes, and ranks in the upper third of his class.

Tom, who like Dave has his father for a coach at East Aurora (Ill.) High, averaged 19.6 points on his way to winning All-State honors. He is also a National Honor Society Student and was junior class president.

At center for the third team is 6-9 Steve Erickson from Beaverton (Ore.) High. Steve was selected to the All-State team, was Metro league scoring champ, and finished last season with 42.7 total points.

Bernard Hardin from Wingate High in Brooklyn, N.Y., is a 6-5 1-2 forward. He averaged 20.6 points and was an All-City selection. Les Cason has the distinction of being the only



Tom McMillen (55)
Mansfield, Pa.

Bill Morris stars for St. Louis' Beaumont



Greg Lee
Reseda, Calif.



Dave Shepherd
Carmel, Ind.



Tom Kivisto
Aurora, Ill.

HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD

junior on the team. The 6-11 forward from East Rutherford, N.J., averaged 34 points as a soph. and was named to the All State team.

The backcourt is manned by 6-0 Don Smith and 5-10 Ron Lyons. Don, from Roth High in Dayton, O., averaged 21 points and was a third

team All-State selection. Ron Lyons, from Mason County High in Kentucky, averaged 25.1 as a junior and was All State.

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hgt.	School	City, State	PPG
F	Dwight Jones	6-9	Wheatley	Houston, Tex.	25.5
F	Bill Morris	6-8	Beaumont	St. Louis, Mo.	22.1
C	Tom McMillen	6-11	Mansfield	Mansfield, Pa.	39.1
G	Greg Lee	6-4	Reseda	Reseda, Cal.	27.1
G	John Williamson	6-2	Wilbur Cross	New Haven, Conn.	29.7

SECOND TEAM

F	Roy Ebron	6-7	B.T. Washington	Norfolk, Va.	24.6
F	Ed Searcy	6-6	Power Memorial	New York, N.Y.	14.3
C	Tom Burleson	7-3	Avery County	Avery Co., N.C.	29.7
G	Tom Kivisto	6-3	Aurora East	Aurora, Ill.	19.6
G	Dave Shepherd	5-11	Carmel	Carmel, Ind.	31.6

THIRD TEAM

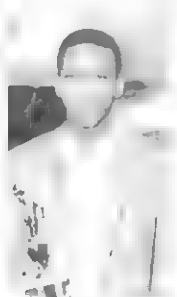
F	Bernard Hardin	6-5½	Wingate	Brooklyn, N.Y.	20.6
F	Les Cason	6-10½	East Rutherford	East Rutherford, N.J.	33.5
C	Steve Ericksen	6-9	Beaverton	Beaverton, Ore.	20.1
G	Don Smith	6-0	Roth	Dayton, Ohio	20.9
G	Ronnie Lyons	5-10	Mason County	Maysville, Ky.	25.1



Roy Ebron
Norfolk, Va.



Edwin Searcy
New York City



Bernard Hardin
Brooklyn, N.Y.



Donald Smith
Dayton, Ohio



Ron Lyons
Maysville, Ky.

Les Cason is the only junior on the team

Steve Ericksen is a 6-9 center from Beaverton (Ore.) High

THE 100 BEST HIGH SCHOOL CAGERS IN AMERICA

NEW ENGLAND AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC

Name	Hgt.	School	City, State	PPG
Curvan Lewis	6-8	Hillhouse	New Haven, Conn.	18.4
John Williamson	6-2	Wilbur Cross	New Haven, Conn.	29.7
Bill Raynor	5-10	Catholic Memorial	Roxbury, Mass.	20.0
Steve Gadaire	6-5	St. John's	Shrewsbury, Mass.	22.7
Tom Gomes	6-0	New Bedford Voc.	New Bedford, Mass.	—
Brad Therrien	6-3	Spaulding	Rochester, N.H.	26.5
Richard Santos	6-1	Central	Providence, R.I.	—
Roland Grant	6-11	Southern	Philadelphia, Pa.	—
Tom McMillen	6-11	Mansfield	Mansfield, Pa.	39.1
Henry Williams	6-4	Eisenhower	Norristown, Pa.	21.4
George Green	6-4½	Midland	Midland, Pa.	—
Bernard Hardin	6-5½	Wingate	Brooklyn, N.Y.	20.6
Sid Edwards	6-8	Linton	Schenectady, N.Y.	20.0
Henry Kinsey	6-2	Boys	Brooklyn, N.Y.	—
David Edwards	6-0	Van Buren	Queens, N.Y.	15.0
Willie Hagins	6-7	Hughes	New York, N.Y.	—
Clarence Walker	5-11	Southampton	Southampton, N.Y.	25.3
Ed Searcy	6-6	Power Memorial	New York, N.Y.	14.3
Leonard Elmore	6-9	Power Memorial	New York, N.Y.	13.6
Brian Winters	6-3	Molloy	Queens, N.Y.	17.7
Ron Brown	6-4	Columbia Grammar	New York, N.Y.	—
Les Cason	6-10½	East Rutherford	East Rutherford, N.J.	33.5
Andy Rimol	6-9	Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes, N.J.	—
John Shumate	6-6	Thomas Jefferson	Elizabeth, N.J.	19.4
John Machiaverna	6-3½	Vailsburg	Newark, N.J.	18.0

SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST

Name	Hgt.	School	City, State	PPG
Raymond Odoms	6-1	Carver	Birmingham, Ala.	25.0
Donnie Davidson	6-2	Lincoln	Camden, Ark.	27.2
George Gibbs	5-10	Mackin	Washington, D.C.	18.4
Paul Wagner	6-6	St. Anthony	Washington, D.C.	—
Bill Butler	6-2	Key West	Key West, Fla.	—
Keith Bowman	6-8	Savannah	Savannah, Ga.	21.4
Charles Anderson	6-4	Mark Smith	Macon, Ga.	19.7
Ronnie Lyons	5-10	Mason County	Maysville, Ky.	25.1
Elmore Stephens	6-3	Jefferson	Louisville, Ky.	—
Dee Williams	5-11	Henry Clay	Lexington, Ky.	—
Irving Copeland	6-4	DuVal	Glenn Dale, Md.	19.2
Ed Peterson	6-4	Springbrook	Silver Springs, Md.	27.1
Tom Burleson	7-3	Avery County	Avery County, N.C.	29.7
Tony Byers	6-3	Bessemer City	Bessemer City, N.C.	31.0
Dave Fisher	6-0	Moore	Moore, Okla.	22.9
Butch Taylor	6-10	J.L. Mann	Greenville, S.C.	—
John Mills	6-5	Gray Court	Owings, S.C.	30.0
Willie Biles	6-1	MT Pisgah	Memphis, Tenn.	25.9
Richard Rucker	6-1	North	Nashville, Tenn.	16.9
Dwight Jones	6-9	Wheatley	Houston, Tex.	25.5
Lawrence Johnson	6-6½	Wheatley	Houston, Tex.	13.1
Sammy Hervey	6-6	B.T. Washington	Dallas, Tex.	41.3
Roy Ebron	6-7	B.T. Washington	Norfolk, Va.	24.6
Roy Thompson	6-3	Catholic	Charleston, W. Va.	23.3
Larry Carr	6-7½	Charles Town	Charles Town, W. Va.	31.0

MIDWEST AND PLAINS

Name	Hgt.	School	City, State	PPG
Lloyd Batts	6-3	Thornton	Thornton, Ill.	24.4
Sam Puckett	5-9	Hales Franciscan	Chicago, Ill.	25.0
Tom Kvisto	6-3	Aurora East	Aurora, Ill.	19.6
Seymour Reed	6-5	Lincoln	Lincoln, Ill.	18.9
Bill Kosick	6-10	East	New Trier, Ill.	—
Dave Shepherd	5-11	Carmel	Carmel, Ind.	31.6
Rick Maus	6-5½	Seymour	Seymour, Ind.	19.0
Jim Bradley	6-7	Roosevelt	East Chicago, Ind.	19.3
Ron Kennedy	6-11	Storm Lake	Storm Lake, Iowa	22.0
Jim Heck	6-6	Washington	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	23.4
Neri Fegebank	6-7	Paulina	Paulina, Iowa	25.4
Jan Jacob	6-8	Southwest	Wichita, Kansas	10.1
Doug McKenzie	6-3	Warren Fitzgerald	Warren, Mich.	19.3
Mike Robinson	5-11	Northeastern	Detroit, Mich.	23.0
Jeff Walker	6-3	Central	Detroit, Mich.	29.8
Steve Feist	6-4	Wells	Wells, Minn.	—
Bill Morris	6-8	Beaumont	St. Louis, Mo.	22.1
Dave Brent	6-11	Sumner	St. Louis, Mo.	15.5
Gene Harmon	6-6	Schuyler	Schuyler, Neb.	20.0
Don Smith	6-0	Roth	Dayton, Ohio	20.9
Bill Brown	6-5	Rogers	Toledo, Ohio	21.8
John Farris	6-1	Sandusky	Sandusky, Ohio	20.5
Jeff Reisinger	6-7	Zane Trace	Ross, Ohio	22.5
Lamont Weaver	6-1	Beloit	Beloit, Wisc.	—
Tom Skateski	6-7	Premontre	Green Bay, Wisc.	24.7

PACIFIC COAST AND ROCKIES

Name	Hgt.	School	City, State	PPG
Keith Wilkes	6-5	Ventura	Ventura, Cal.	20.7
Bill Ingram	6-3	Morningside	Inglewood, Cal.	16.3
Vince Carson	6-6	Muir	Pasadena, Cal.	18.5
Bill Walton	6-9½	Helix	La Mesa, Cal.	16.7
Greg Lee	6-4	Reseda	Reseda, Cal.	27.1
Steve Lackey	7-0	Del Campo	Fair Oaks, Cal.	21.1
Carl Meier	6-7	East	Bakersfield, Cal.	20.5
Mike Westra	6-10	Roosevelt	Fresno, Cal.	21.5
Kevin Restani	6-9	Riordan	San Francisco, Cal.	20.7
Bill Boyd	6-6	Foothill	Santa Ana, Cal.	22.0
Brendy Lee	6-7	Brush	Brush, Colo.	—
Henry Thompson	6-3½	Central	Greeley, Colo.	18.3
Jim Boatwright	6-8	Mimco	Mimco, Idaho	—
Brent Wilson	6-11	Flathead	Kalispell, Mont.	—
Don Orndorff	6-4	Hawthorne	Hawthorne, Nev.	20.4
Steve Erickson	6-9	Beaverton	Beaverton, Oreg.	20.1
Gary Strachan	5-11	Central Catholic	Portland, Oreg.	—
Craig Martin	6-7	Corvallis	Corvallis, Oreg.	—
Craig Drury	6-2	Provo	Provo, Utah	21.3
Belmont Anderson	6-3	Skyline	Skyline, Utah	30.2
Ron Howard	6-3	Pasco	Pasco, Wash.	20.8
Sam May	6-6	Stadium	Tacoma, Wash.	16.0
Mark Magnusson	6-3	University	Spokane, Wash.	17.5
Paul Kruse	7-3	Lusk	Lusk, Wyo.	—
Ken Morgan	6-8	Natrona	Casper, Wyo.	—

MIDWEST

BASKETBALL'S CHOICE:

PURDUE, NOTRE DAME

MARQUETTE, MIAMI

BY RAY MARQUETTE

Indianapolis Star

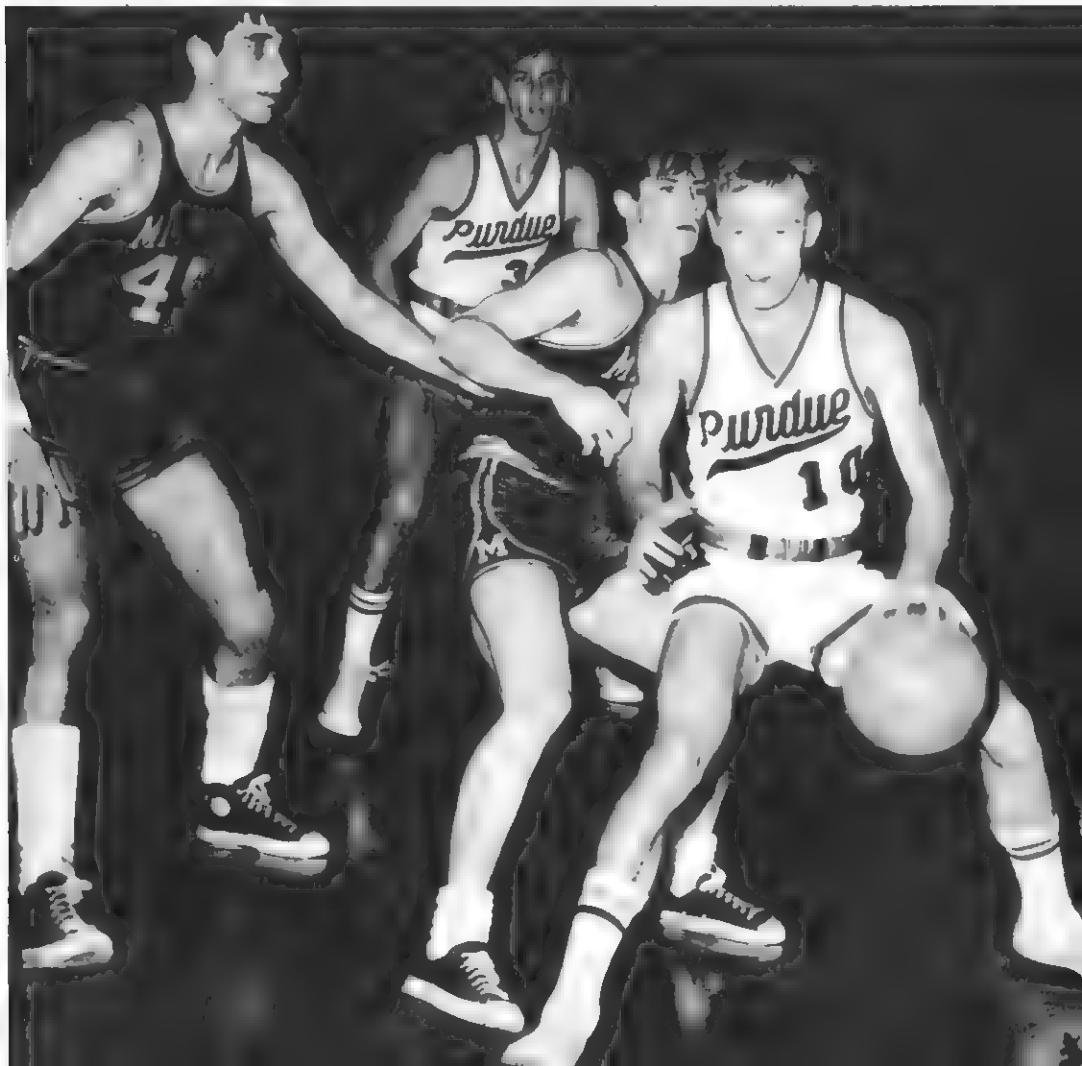
• There are enough magic names scattered around the Midwest this season so as to make predictions riskier than ever. Blood baths of the first order loom in the Big 10 and Mid-American Conferences, and the major independents—as usual—will be chopping each other up into little bitty pieces by the time invitations are issued for the post-season carnivals.

Even the coaches—usually ready, willing and able to pin the tag of favorite on their brother with the strongest horses—had to scratch a bit to decide who should wear the kiss-of-death tag for 1969-70.

Rick (The Rocket) Mount lit a fuse under Purdue last winter that won the Boilermakers' first Big 10 championship in almost 30 years and carried 'em right into the national collegiate finals in Louisville before bowing to Lew Alcindor and his UCLA playmates.

Continued

Purdue's Rick Mount (10) and Michigan's Rudy Tomjanovich (45) were unanimous All-Big Ten picks last year.



George Thompson made Marquette one of the most feared teams in the land. Miami surprised everyone, maybe even itself, by taking the Mid-American and Spencer Haywood made Detroit exciting every time he went into the air after a rebound. And no one has to be reminded that Johnny Dee's Notre Dame team grabbed one of those lucrative NCAA at-large berths either.

So who figures to be back knocking at the tournament gates this year? The same cast of characters, that's who.

Mount and Purdue over Ohio State and Iowa for the Big Ten title. Miami, despite loss of three starters, in a squeeze over Ohio U. for an MAC repeat; and Notre Dame, Marquette (even though Thompson is gone) and possibly Detroit (whose Haywood can't do it all by himself) to head the independents. That's the view from here in what should be a banner year for this section.

Maybe with Alcindor finally gone to the pros, the NCAA and the NIT—banner will wave over the Midwest once again.

BIG 10

PURDUE: Although Herm Gilliam and Billy Keller have graduated, it's hard for anyone to see anything except a second straight Big 10 title for Purdue. All-American Rick Mount

the nation's No. 2 scorer last year, heads up a classy offense that led the nation in scoring for 1968-69 on a 93.0 average. Mount scored 932 points for a 33.3 average while being voted Most Valuable in the Big 10 as Purdue finished 23-5 and advanced to the NCAA finals. Larry Weatherford, a starter sometimes a year ago, will replace Keller and join Mount at guard. Chuck Bavis (7-0) spent the summer in school trying to regain eligibility and Jerry Johnson (6-10) will be there if Bavis isn't. Sophomore Bob Ford (6-7) probably will replace the invaluable Gilliam at forward and two other sophs, 6-7 Bill Franklin and 6-6½ Jim Rogers, show great promise and should help the Boilermakers keep their depth. George Faerber 6-6, will start opposite Ford, giving coach George King's team as much muscle as anyone else in the league.

OHIO STATE: Fred Taylor's Buckeyes were the only team in the Big 10 to defeat Purdue last season and tied for second with Illinois. Dave Sorenson (6-7) returns for senior year after averaging 23.6 as a junior. Jim Clemons (6-3) averaged 16.6 and Jody Finney 13.3 for the Buckeyes and return Jeff Miller (6-4) and Ed Smith (6-6) must help carry the muscle load and will keep OSU strong up front. Sophomore help will be limited, meaning Taylor won't have the bench strength he likes. Most coaches in league see Bucks second only to Purdue although Taylor predicts nothing more than a first-division finish.

IOWA: The Hawkeyes should rise at least four or five notches with 12 returning lettermen headed by 6-7 John Johnson (19.7), 6-5 Glenn Vidnovic (15.7), Chad Calabria (14.2) and Ben McGilmer (13.5). Coach Ralph Miller expected more than eighth-place finish in '68-'69 and with help from junior college transfers and sophomores Lynn Rowat and Gary Lusk could get the job done. Rowat averaged 23.7 and Lusk 24.7 for the frosh and Miller is hopeful his usually strong defense will return to full effectiveness this season.

ILLINOIS: Rebounding is expected to be key to Illini fortunes. Coach Harv Schmidt probably will go to a quicker game than before with 6-3 Mike Price and 6-6 Randy Crews being able to swing from forward to guard. Loss of Dave Scholz, Illinois' all-time scoring leader, forces the change in style. Junior Greg Jackson (6-8) scored more points than any Illini sophomore ever and a year's experience should make him capable of holding his own against any other center in the league. Tommy Dezort (6-6) led frosh with 151 points and Alan Crews (6-7) totaled 136. Mark Voreis (6-7), Don Faulds (6-7) and Jim Krelle, a 6-3 guard, all scored more than 100 points for the freshmen.

MICHIGAN STATE: Spartans were hurt by graduation more than any other team in circuit with not one full-time regular returning. Yet coach John Bennington figures his team will be at least as good as last year's fifth-place outfit. Lee Lafayette completed three-year stint

cont. nued



Austin Carr
Notre Dame



Kenny Johnson
Indiana



Spencer Haywood
Detroit



Clarence Sherrod
Wisconsin



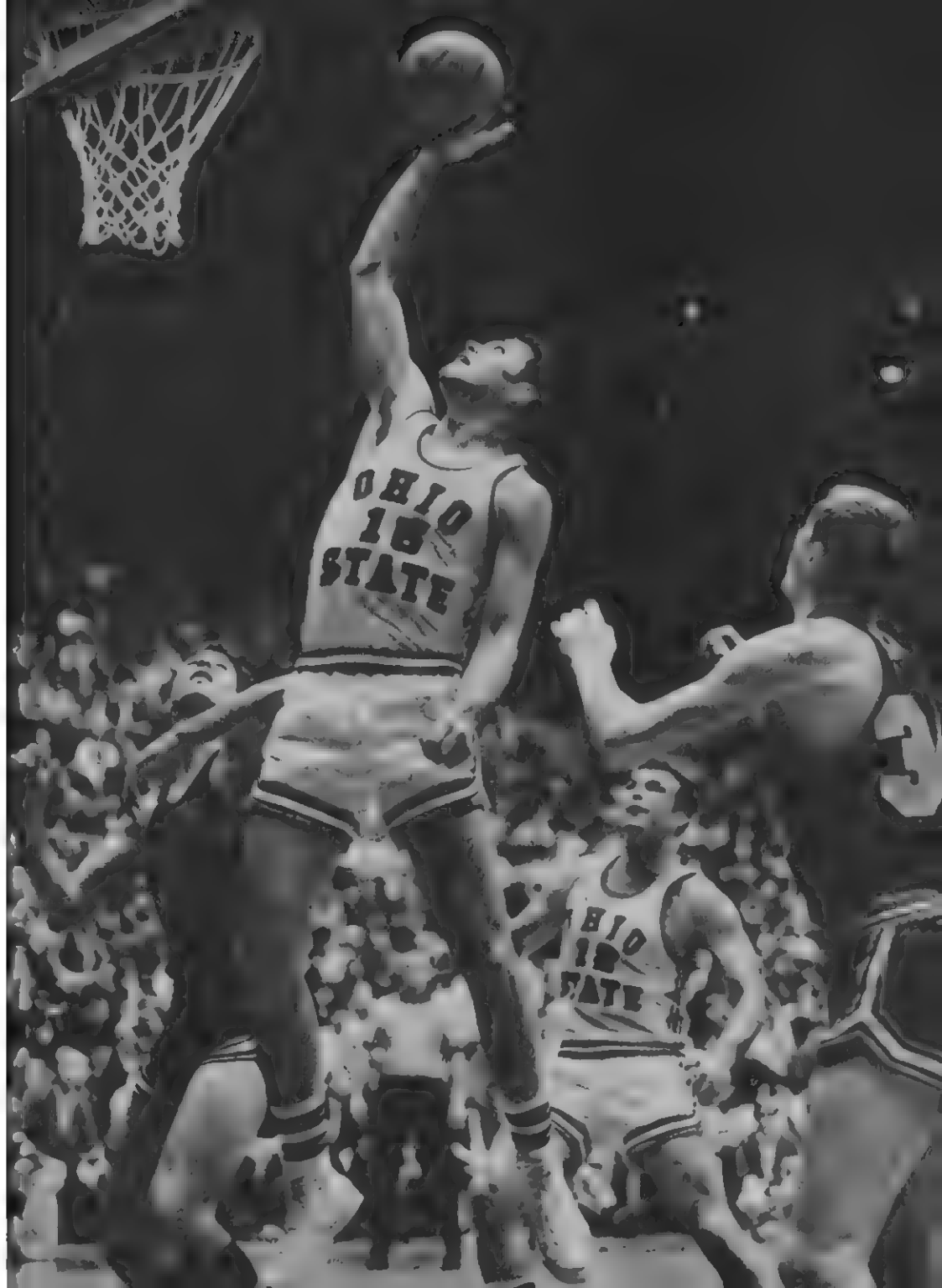
Walter Robertson
Loyola



Jim Gibbons
Michigan State



Greg Jackson
Illinois





Larry Mikan
Minnesota



George Faerber
Purdue



Albert Henry
Wisconsin



Don Adams
Northwestern

MIDWEST

continued

as best Spartan of them all and 6-6 Bernie Copeland and 6-10 Tom Lick joined him on diploma route, leaving rebounding the problem. Ralph Simpson, a 6-4 sophomore guard, averaged 40.3 in three freshman tilts and is expected to be an instant "great" player. Jim Gibbons (6-6) is nearest to returning regular for MSU. Rudy Benjamin (6-3) showed sporadic brilliance as a sophomore and Tim Bograkovs (6-1) lettered as guard, too. Ron Gulkowski (6-6) and Gary Przybylo (6-2) join Simpson as top sophomores. Spartans will be quicker and should score more points but rebounding will be key. 6-9 Craig Larsen and 6-3 Pat Miller were ineligible as freshmen but will be available this season.

INDIANA: The Hoosiers were "in" all but two of their league games last season despite a dismal 4-10 finish. Coach Lou Watson feels team can be title contender if outside shooting improves and a back-court leader is found. Unfortunately, this is same situation as a year ago and personnel isn't that much different with top two scorers, Joe Cooke (21.8) and Kennv Johnson (18.2), returning. Lots of experience with 6-7 Johnson, 6-6 Mike Notland, 6-8 Mike Branaugh and 6-8 sophomore Joby Wright again making Hoosiers one of top board clubs in nation. Wright is cinch to start in middle in place of graduated Bill DeHeer but this could hurt Johnson, who was very effective in pivot as junior. May be a double-post offense but outside shooting, woeful in '68-'69, has to improve or another second-division finish is in sight.

NORTHWESTERN: Brad Snyder succeeds his old boss, Larry Glass, as coach and on basis of good returning strength, is revamping the Wildcats' game. "We'll be a running team, and although it may sound contradictory, also a defensive-minded team," says Snyder, who watched Purdue and Drake do so well with similar arrangements last season. Three two-way starters return (6-8 Jim Sarno, 5-11 Dale Kelley and 6-6 Don Adams). Mike Reeves (6-6) lettered at guard and will start either there or up front. Adams is key man on offense and will trigger most set plays. Good shooting but team lacks some of muscle it has known for last four seasons.

MICHIGAN: Rudy Tomjanovich may be best all-around player in Big 10, or the nation for that matter. The 6-8 strong man is good on both boards, averaged 25.7 points a game and

plays pretty good defense. But Dan Fife (6-2 guard) is only other returning regular. At least two good new men needed, possibly Richard Carter (6-1) and Rick Bloodworth (6-3). Lamont King (6-1) is best of so-so freshman team and Matt Anderson led frosh in rebounding despite 6-2 size. Rod Ford (6-4) will be one forward, which indicates lack of real size. Wolverines definitely will depend on defense to carry bulk of load.

WISCONSIN: The Badgers finished eighth in league last year, but were "scariest" team of them all. Scoring strength must be developed to replace Jim Johnson and Chuck Nagle. Clarence Sherrod (6-1) and 6-8 Albert Henry only set starters although Craig Mayberry (6-9) has talent to move in, too. Good help from sophomores expected with Lloyd Adams (6-5) biggest hope and Tom Barao (6-3) moving into second guard spot with Sherrod.

MINNESOTA: Coach Bill Fitch says he's "looking to the future with heavy concentration on recruiting." But he surprised a lot of people in his first year. Loses scorer Al Nuness, but has good returning help in Larry Mikan (6-7) Tom Masterson (6-8) and Eric Hill (6-2). Dan Proeschel (6-5) and Mike Regenfuss (6-0) also lettered and sophomores can contribute, led by 6-7 Jerry Pyle, 6-3 Ollie Shannon and 6-0 Roger Arnold, the latter a 58 percent shooter from the floor.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

MIAMI: Picked fifth a year ago, the Redskins surprised everyone by winning the league and finishing 15-12 for the season, which shows just how wild a conference it is. The Redskins won five of their MAC contests by a total of 13 points and graduated three starters. Yet Miami is the early-book favorite to win the title again. Darrel Dunlap (6-2), Herb Hileman (6-5), Tim Meyer (6-0) and Tom Roberts (6-8) lead a sophomore charge from one of the best Miami freshman teams in years. Walt Williams (6-2 forward) top returning starter. Five other letter men return: Terry Martin (6-8), Gerald Sears (6-0), Mike Wren (5-8), Glen Pryor (6-5) and Ron Snyder (6-4).

KENT STATE: Coach Frank Truitt has happy gleam in his eye after a 6-6 league finish last season. A tight conference race could make Kent a darkhorse bet with Tom Lagodich (6-7 and 16 points a game) the key man for the offense and boardwork. Bruce Burden (6-0), Ken

Halbert (6-6), Larry Wilson (6-6), Mike Foote (5-11) and Andy Meyer (6-5) are returning lettermen. Roger Evans (6-7) led frosh with 22.4 average and joins Tom Hintz (6-0) and Dave Reasbeck (6-3) as strong sophomore candidates.

OHIO UNIVERSITY: A second-place finisher last winter, Ohio's Bobcats return six of top seven players and could take all the marbles if 6-7 Glee McDwitt can be more consistent. Three players: Doug Parker (6-4), Dave Groff (6-5) and sophomore Bob Howell (6-4)—bidding for forward spot left vacant by Ohio record scorer Gerry McKee. John Canine and Ken Kowall return at guard. Craig Love (6-8) came on strong in the pivot and coach Jim Snyder has enough depth to go either big and strong or try for swiftness in his front line. Tom Corde, a 6-0 sophomore, scored at 19.5 pace for frosh and is good ball-handler.

MARSHALL: A sleeper with good credentials. The Thundering Herd has three starters back: Joe Taylor (6-6), Bernard Bradshaw (6-6) and Dave Smith (6-6). The latter two were sophomores a year ago and their experience should help take up slack of graduated Jim Davidson and Dan D'Antoni. Russell Lee (6-5) could be a super soph and 6-3 Bob DePatty is a good transfer prospect. Eugene Lee and D.J. Jebbia are a pair of 6-0 sophomore guards who could help make Marshall title contender.

TOLEDO: Steve Mix, who holds almost every Toledo scoring and rebounding record, is gone—along with a potful of others and Toledo is in a rebuilding cycle. Good size is available in 7-0 Skip Hess and 6-8 Dale Geisler. Forward may be a problem but guards should be tough with Steve Shay and Larry Smith top returning point-makers. Best sophomore prospects are Tim Harman (6-3), Bill Chapman (6-5) and Gary McClintick (6-8). The Rockets will concentrate on defense and probably change usual running game to possession basketball. Hardest hit by graduation of any MAC school.

BOWLING GREEN: Bob Conibear's Falcons should be one of most improved teams in league. Two of last year's top six scorers gone but lots of talent available headed by center Jim Connolly (6-7) and forward Dan McLemore (6-5). Sophomore Lee Henson (6-5) will be other forward starter.

WESTERN MICHIGAN: Enthusiasm, depth and balance will be the key to the Broncos' success or failure. Three starters are gone, including Gene Ford and his 25-point

(cont. p. 12)



Iowa's Glenn Vidnovic (with 11) average 11.7 last season



Mike Wren
Miami



Jim Connally
Bowling Green



Steve Norris
Butler



Greg McDivitt
Ohio



George Janky
Dayton



Larry Smith
Toledo



George Pillow
Indiana State



Tom Lagodich
Kent State

MIDWEST

continued

scoring average but coach Sonny Means has boundless optimism and hopes his club will have enthusiasm to match Seniors Ellis Hull, Joel Voelkert and Junior Earl Jenkins should provide the leadership. Bill Vander Woude and 6-9 transfer Dave Swift will help along with sophomores Lee Davenport, Dave Culp and Jeff Garske. "We have to be rated second-division on paper but we could be a big surprise," says Means.

INDIANA COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

DEPAUW: With three top scorers gone via

the diploma route, the Tigers of Elmer McCall will be in a transitional year with the tallest starter Larry Downs at 6-5. Dale Barrett, a 6-0 guard, is only returning regular. Sophomores Steve Overman (6-4), Bill Arends (6-2) and Jim Schroder (6-3) will help lettermen Downs, Barrett, Larry Johnson, Bob Hughes and John Tolle.

EVANSVILLE: Only three seniors graduated from last season's edition of the Purple Aces and coach Arad McCutchan has high hopes for a league crown with a lot of good juniors and considerable talent coming up from the frosh.

BUTLER: Billy Shepherd, 5-10 magician with a basketball pass and Indiana's Mr. Basketball in 1968, will make his sophomore debut for ageless Tony Hinkle's Bulldogs. Highest scoring freshman group in Butler history and returnees Dave Bennett, Scott Neat, Steve Norris and Bob Schroeder give Bulldogs bite but big man again is a problem.

ST. JOSEPH'S: Sophomores will carry key for team with more speed and improved rebounding. Bill Gladieux and Ted Hillary have superior basketball credentials and must help get young team together and going to fulfill promise of excellence.

VALPARAISO: Bruce Lindner (6-4) and John Sears (6-7) give Valpo a bright outlook. Transfer Steve Neims (6-4) is a cinch starter along with senior Marv Evans. Fifth starter must come from sophomore class with Harold Green. Mike Niksch and William Penzoza best of group.

INDEPENDENTS

NOTRE DAME: The Irish are wasting no time weeping over the graduation of Bob Whitmore and Bob Arzen, best one-two scoring punch in Notre Dame history. Instead coach Johnny Dee already is experimenting with some offensive changes designed to better utilize the magnificent Austin Carr. Dee plans to get shots for his big men in closer to the basket and may play Carr on the point. Collis Jones (6-7), Jim Hinga (6-5) and Tom Sinnott (6-7) have experience up front with Sid Catlett (6-9) and John Plocek (6-8) in the middle and John McEhan and Mike O'Connor at guard with Carr. Doug Gemmell, a 6-5 swing-man, is the best of a sophomore group and could start. Jim Regelean (6-9) and John Egart, a 5-11 guard, are other sophs who'll help. Good bet for another postseason tournament berth.

MARQUETTE: George Thompson is gone, which should bring a sigh of relief from Marquette opponents. But Dean Meminger is back and he proved himself in helping Warriors go to final game of Midwest NCAA regional. Now a junior, the 6-0 Meminger averaged 16.3 points against one of the better schedules in the nation. Coach Al McGuire went to Thompson in tight spots for last three years and George responded by being 30-40 percent of team's offense. Four regulars back—Meminger and Jeff Sewell in backcourt, Ric Cobb (6-5) in the middle and Joe Thomas (6-4) at forward. Ron Rahn (6-5), transfer Gary Brell (6-5) and sophomores Guy Lam (6-8) and Terry McQuade (6-5) will battle for Thompson's vacant spot and Meminger will be the one the offense is built around. McGuire figures defense, free throw shooting and rebounding will be improved—which means Warriors could nab fourth straight postseason tournament bid.

DETROIT: Spencer Haywood, all 6-8 of him, is back as a junior, along with his 32.2 scoring average and 22.1 rebound figure. Three lettermen lost but 10 returning, plus four sophomores. New coach Jim Harding looking for consistency. Larry Moore, 6-7 center, returns. Much improvement needed from Haywood's supporting cast of last year with 6-1 Dave McDonald bringing an 18.2 scoring average up from 13.5 frosh team. Best of returnees should be guards Dwight Dunlap and Jim Jackson, forward Vern DeSilva and reserve center Al Peake. Juniors Jim Calucchia and Randy An-

teau must help, along with a couple of junior college transfers. Harding will stress fast break with Haywood's rebounding key figure here

DAYTON: Forwards must come through for Dayton to be tough and don't bet they won't. Flyers were 20-7 last season but lost three top scorers. Ken May (6-5) gained a year's experience and should join sophomore Pat Murnen (6-5) at forward. George Janky, 6-8 senior, can do job in pivot—and must if Flyers are to soar. Guard corps good with Jerry and Jim Gottschall and Steve Thornwald back. Rex Gardecki may be sophomore starter and Al Bertke can shoot and move, too, in the outback brigade. May top returning scorer on 9.1 average but Murnen managed 20.5 and Gardecki 18.8 for frosh.

LOYOLA: George Ireland is beginning 19th season at Loyola and was anything but happy about Ramblers' 9-14 record of a year ago. LaRue Martin (6-8), Isadore Glover (6-6) and Earnest Lewis (6-5), give Loyola size that has been sadly lacking, even though all three are sophomores, along with 6-0 Rich Ford. Seven of eight leading scorers are back, headed by Walter Robertson (22.6), Wade Fuller (16.9) and Bill Moody (11.1). Only two seniors were on last year's roster which means that with addition of good sophomores, the Ramblers could be back knocking on an NCAA at-large tournament berth once again.

DEPAUL: Ray Meyer expects a "good" team. "We won't be great, but we'll be better than last year, much sounder with better rebounding and shooting," says the DePaul coaching magician. Ken Worzynski, 6-8, has picked up much needed weight and will be solid performer. Tom Hunter at 6-5 is best jumper on team and learned a lot of basketball last winter. Paul Tomplum (6-8) may move in at center and help on the boards. Joe Meyer and Tom Tracy return at guard, weakest depth spot on the team. Sev Brown (6-5) has strength but needs consistency. Only two sophomores figure to help—6-2 Doug Bruno, "a good sound guard and fine shooter" and Harry Shield, a 6-5 forward. For the first time in 12 years, the Blue Demons won't participate in a holiday tournament and Meyer may use this "free time" to hone his team for second half of season.

XAVIER: It should be a long, long winter for the Musketeers who face only a height problem but lost their entire front line, plus guard John Zeides. Doug Alt (6-0) and Jerry Helmers (6-3) best off frosh team and Alt was most valuable in Ohio Class A high school division two years ago. Chris Hall (5-10) best returning pointmaker with 11-point average. Help badly needed right down the line to improve on 10-16 record of last year—and tough schedule doesn't help a thing.

INDIANA STATE: Toughest schedule ever for Sycamores who are beginning second year as an independent. Coach Gordie Stouffer will build around 6-2 George Pillow and 6-4 Bob Barker. Three big men, Larry Sample (6-10), Bob Wetrnight (6-7) and Paul Siebenmorgen (6-7) must come through to be a winner against tough foes. Good sophomores led by Paul Stroud, Jim Poe, Dan Bush and Rob Simmons.

Marquette's Dean Meminger helped his 16.3 average with driving lay ups



FAR WEST

BASKETBALL'S CHOICE:

UCLA, SANTA CLARA SAN JOSE, SEATTLE



BY DAN HRUBY

San Jose Mercury-News

• The initials PAC have taken on a new meaning in the Far West

Usually they stand for Pacific Athletic Conference. But for many basketball coaches they now represent the Passing of Alcindor & Co.

Except for reigning UCLA coach John Wooden, conference members couldn't be happier. For the first time since 1966, they at least will have some hope of challenging for the PAC-8 championship. Wooden, in addition to Big Lew, also bade goodbye to such polished performers as Lynn Shackelford, Kenny Heitz and Bill Sweek. But with five NCAA titles annexed in the last six years—including the last three in a row—the wily Wooden still remains the man to beat. Stanford coach Howie Dallmar puts it this way, "The Bruins will be very tough, but it will be a different ball game now."

With at least six teams capable of winning it all, here's how the PAC-8 should wind up: 1. UCLA; 2. USC; 3. California; 4. Oregon State; 5. Washington; 6. Oregon; 7. Washington State; and 8. Stanford.

Santa Clara, the No. 3-ranked team that lost only one game until it fell beneath the UCLA juggernaut in the NCAA Far West Regionals, is a gnat's breath ahead of Pacific and Pepperdine in the West Coast Athletic Conference sizeup. Two University of Nevada campuses, Reno and Las Vegas, will debut in the WCAC replacing San Jose State and Santa Barbara. The latter pair have joined the newly formed Pacific Coast Athletic Assn. (PCAA). The likely WCAC finish: 1. Santa Clara; 2. Pacific; 3. Pepperdine; 4. Loyola; 5. USF; 6. St. Mary's; 7. Nevada-Las Vegas; and 8. Nevada-Reno.

San Jose looms a tossup with Long Beach State to rule the fledgling PCAA, mainly on the basis of a stronger schedule in recent years. The predicted PCAA standings: 1. San Jose State; 2. Long Beach State; 3. California-Santa Barbara; 4. Fresno State; 5. San Diego State; and 6. Los Angeles State.

The bluest skies may not always be over Seattle, the hit song notwithstanding, but the outlook definitely is rosy for the Chieftains. Seattle returns nine lettermen and appears the best of Far West independents.

PAC-8

UCLA: John Wooden will dig up his old blueprints of the pre-Alcindor era and return to the high-post offense and pressing

John Vallely is a key returnee at Alcindor-less UCLA

defense that typified the 1964 and 1965 title teams. "I look forward to again coaching to try to win, rather than trying to keep from losing," he says.

He has the wherewithal in people like blond John Vallely (6-2½) and forwards Curtis Rowe (6-6½) and Sidnev Wicks (8). Vallely (11 points) dribbles lefty and shoots righty, accenting his accurate jumper with a stylish wrist snap. He made All-Tournament in the NCAA finals. His running mate at guard is up for grabs, with Terry Schofield, Rick Betchley, Kenny Booker, Henry Bibby and Andy Hill in contention. Bibby and Hill are 6-1 sophs. Bibby averaged 26.8 points and Hill 19.5 for the frosh.

Rowe, second only to Alcindor as a scorer (12.9) and rebounder (8.0), was All-PAC. Wicks shatters backboards and 6-9 Steve Patterson is Lew's heir apparent in the key. Patterson made it into 29 games, so he isn't all that green.

Summing up, UCLA must be rated a possibility to win its fourth NCAA crown in a row. Certainly it won't embarrass Wooden's career won-lost record (449-137), 21 years in compilation.

USC: Buoyed by a late season victory over UCLA and the onsurge of brilliant sophs, Bob Boyd's Trojans are on the upswing. The top four scorers have departed, so it may take Troy awhile to get rolling. Letterman forward Don Crenshaw (6-4) is remembered for his 20-point effort in toppling UCLA, the greatest cage victory in USC history. Three other vets are Dana Pagett (6-1), Chris Schrobilgen (6-6) and Mike Bowling (6-7). Advancing from the 19-0 frosh unit are 6-6 Joe Mackey (20 points), a spring-legged blue-chipper out of Arizona; 6-3 Paul Westphal (18.7 points), a regional high school player-of-the-year in '68; 6-8 Ron Rieve (16 points, 18 rebounds), a prep All-American; and 6-4 Monroe Nash (14.6 points), who's switched from the front line to guard. Three Jersey-reared transfers—George Watson (6-8), Leroy Cobb (6-7) and Dennis Layton (6-2) solidify Troy's talent bin.

CALIFORNIA: The Bears' two high scorers, Jackie Ridgle (6-4½) and Charlie Johnson (6-0), are geared to insure improvement over last season's 12-13 club. Ridgle (20 points) was the greatest pointmaker for a soph in school history. And Johnson (14 points) was the first Bear guard ever to top 200 rebounds. He was named captain as a soph by coach Jim Padgett and won All-PAC honors. Other veterans include Bill Duwe (6-4), Bobby White (5-9), Tom Henderson (6-5), Waddell Blackwell (6-0) and Clarence Johnson (6-5). But Padgett is drooling over sophs Ansley Truitt (6-9), a center with dual talents (22 points and 15.3 rebounds) and Phil Chenier (6-4), who scored at 26.3

team is due for a lift with the return of 1968 All-Coaster Vince Fritz, out all last season with a bad back. He'll team with 7-½ pivot Vic Bartolome, a 55 percent shooter at 15.4 points, and 6-9 Garv Freeman, No. 1 scorer and board man (15.9 and 9.4). Fritz's running mate should be soph Freddie Boyd (20 points), hero of an 18-3 frosh club. Billy Nickleberry (5-9) is back from the Army and hopes to pick up where he left off as a frosh standout. Valenti may shift from a ball control to a fast break attack if his defense can clear the boards quickly.

WASHINGTON: Color the Huskies contenders, with all starters back and Grade A freshmen coming in. Tex Winter's 13-13 season in his first try was a disappointment. But the prognosis is bright as he greets 6-6 George Irvine, 6-9 Jay Bond, 6-5 Pat Woolcock, 5-9 Rafael Stone and 6-0 Dave Willenborg among the vets and 6-8 Steve Hawes from the yearlings. Irvine (15.5 and 7.5) is the No. 1 pointmaker and rebounder. Hawes rewrote the frosh record book as he tallied 550 points (26.2 average) and inhaled 297 rebounds (14.1). He hit on almost 62 percent of his shots, helping to explain the team's 19-2 mark.

OREGON: The Ducks of Steve Belko moved from 7-19 to 13-13 in the last two years and he's looking for continued improvement. Four starters, reinforced by four other lettermen, will check in. They include the injury-nagged Billy Gaskins (14.9), Stan Love (17.8), Bill Drozdak (11.5) and Larry Holliday (7.7). Soph guard Ken Strand (17.8) should fill out the lineup, with the 6-8 Rusty Blair (16.8 points and 11.3 rebounds) another new face to be reckoned with. Oregon floored its highest scoring team in history (72.8), but it must toughen up in PAC games (5.9 last year) to gain respect.



California's star soph Ansley Truitt (4).

WASHINGTON STATE: Imposing Ted Wierman (40.3 points, 26.5 rebounds) went the diploma route, leaving Marv Harshman with doubts he can match that 18-8 record. He may have to go with a 6-7 center (Jim Meredith), who's good enough but not tall enough and may wind up at the high post. Dennis Hogg (12.2), Rick Erickson (11.1) and Gary Elliot (10.1) will pace the scoring. Mike Gomez (6-3) is a corner and there could be help from sophs Dan Steward (18.3), Jim Nielsen, Rick Rawlings and Ty Settles.

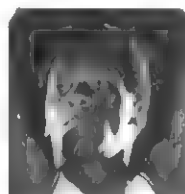
STANFORD: Absence of a big man drained the Indians (8-17) and that problem lingers. Howie Dallmar is counting on aggressiveness and sharpened perimeter shooting to liven up things. Bill Palmer



Darnell Hillmar
San Jose



Dennis Awtrey
Santa Clara



Charlie Johnson
California



Tom Little
Seattle



Steve Patterson
UCLA



Vince Fritz
Oregon State

OREGON STATE: Phil Valenti's

(6-7) should be fully recovered from knee surgery at center. Bill Barber, Dennis O'Neill, Steve Kuchenbecker and Chuck Moore are mainstays, but soph Claude Terry (6-4) may whoop it up most in the Injun attack.

WCAC

SANTA CLARA: Dick Garibaldi is nursing a migraine over losing All-American Bud Ogden at forward but fortunately brother Ralph (6-6) will carry on the family banner. Ralph (15.4 points) owns a devastating bank shot that complements the classy artistry at center of 6-10 Dennis Awtrev, a true All-American candidate. Dennis, regarded as second only to Lew Alcindor among West Coast pivots last year, was the league's MVP at 21.3 point average and the nation's fourth most accurate field goal shooter (59.1 percent). Forward hopefuls include 6-5 Bob

Tobin and glittering sophs Mike Stewart (6-9) and Mari Petersen (6-7), who boosted the frosh to a 21-1 campaign. Stewart averaged 22.5 points and 15.5 rebounds and Petersen 12.1 and 10.5. Wily guards Kevin Eagleson (5-10), Terry O'Brien (6-0) and Keith Paulson (6-0) are battle-tested, but will be hard-pressed by 6-2 sophs Jolly Spight and Bob Lunceford. Gary Graves (6-7½) will spell Awtrev. Overall, the Broncos will be a bit green up front, but stronger in the backcourt. An upgraded schedule may bar them from repeating as the nation's seventh best defensive team (61.3 points a game) and fourth best in scoring margin over their foes (15.7 points).

PACIFIC: With a 17-9 mark two years in a row, Dick Edwards feels he has the quantitative blend of experience and youth to put his seasoned Tigers in orbit. The anchor man is 6-8½ Bill Stricker (18.8 points and 10 rebounds), a senior out of the High Sierra. The pivot belongs to 6-9 Tom Jones and there is knowhow in 6-0

guard Robbie Sperring and 6-6 Joel Perisho. But All-Coast frosh product John Gianelli (6-9), who posted 20.5 point and 20.9 rebound figures for the 18-6 yearling team, may be the big plus. Soph southpaw Pat Douglas (10.2 assists), Bill Clapper-ton, Bob Thomason and Don Miller beef up the backcourt. Pete Jensen (6-8½) and sinewy Paul Scheidegger (6-6) boast savvy up front.

PEPPERDINE: Gary Colson's coaching debut gave the Waves their best record in six years (14-12) and they could go all the way. Nine lettermen are back, including the five starters—6-3 Bobby Sands (16 points) and 6-4 Steve Sims (12.2) at guard, 6-4 Tom Egerer and 6-6 Jake Davis at forward and 6-8 Hiram Peterson at center. Sands is an All-Coast type. Powerful sophs will be 6-10 Vern Hubbard (15.4 points) and 6-4 Tom Campbell (15.6 points). Jaycee transfer Bob McKenney (6-11) from Georgia enlivens the reserves, along with 6-7 Brian Berger, 6-3 Chris Wey, 6-1 Ernie Carr and 6-5 Rich Taylor.

LOYOLA: Dick Baker's shakedown season is over (6-19) and the Lions are ready to growl. Jim Haderlein, with talents to match his sideburns, should improve on his 21-point scoring and 12.5 rebounding. The 6-8 pivotman is abetted by 6-5 Dick Dixon (17.1 points in WCAC play), Bill Strickland, Bill Delaney and Jim Walter. Keen marksman Duane Williamson (21 points) and catlike Jim Markham are sophs under the gun. Robb Morgan (6-9) and Greg Young (6-6) are hospital cases expected to jump back into action.

USF: Phil Vukicevich bore a big cross with a 7-18 team last season. But the Dons' Mr. Wonderful, 6-9 center Pete Cross, is back and this time he'll have help. The nation's ninth rebounder (16.0) and 20th scorer (24.6), Cross will be joined by heralded soph John Burks (19 points), star of an 18-2 frosh club. Names to watch include backcourtiers Ron Santos, Rich Ames and Terry Senn and front-liners Ron Dahms (6-11), Craig Farley (6-7), Curt Hinton (6-6) and Rick Schaefer (6-5).

ST. MARY'S: Sophomore Roy Brown, a 6-4 forward who averaged 23.8 points and 11.1 rebounds as a frosh, is the apple of coach Mike Cimino's eye. The Gaels lost their top three scorers from a 6-19 club, but should offer quickness and speed—if not height—with the likes of 6-5 Mike Johnson, 6-5 Gary Chamberlain, 6-6 Jack Bellinger, 6-6 Wolf Weichert and 5-10 guards Dave Presnall, Tom Clements and Chris Dayak. Juco transfers could make the Gaels a WCAC challenger.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS: Rolland Todd's Rebels (21-7) debut in the WCAC

Curtis Rowe and Sid Wicks (35) are UCLA mainstays



a run-run attack led by guards Tom Watkins (19 points) and Lou Small, a redshirt. Lettermen Bruce Chapman (19.8 points) is a 6-6 forward. Cliff Findlay (12.4) a 6-6 pivot and Bob Riley a 6-3 guard. The Rebs made the NCAA college division regionals three years in a row, but a size problem and stiffer competition may slow them this time.

NEVADA-RENO: Versatile Alex Boyd (23 points) headlines coach Jack Spencer's veteran contingent, which includes seven lettermen. Linc Williams and Bill Penalanu will give Boyd plenty of help in the Wolfpack's maiden WCAC season. A sharply upgraded schedule features tiffs with Drake, Creighton, San Jose State and DePaul.

PCAA

SAN JOSE STATE: The only team to beat third-ranked Santa Clara in the regular season, the Spartans forged their finest campaign in 19 years. Danny Glines will welcome three starters back: forward Coby Dietrick (6-10), pivot Darnell Hillman (6-7½) and guard Steve McKean (6-0). Dietrick (15.3 points) and Hillman (15.3 points and 14.2 rebounds) are all-something candidates. Hillman, the team MVP, is a kangaroo under the basket (he has high-jumped 6-11¾). C. J. Howard (6-2), Chris Guenther (6-0) and Steve Mortara (5-10) are guard standouts although sophs Tim Robinson, Mike Webb and Rocky Gooch will press them. Angular Bernie Veasey (6-6), defensive whiz Pat Hamm (6-6) and 6-6½ soph Dave Dockery (17.4 points) will bid for the open forward niche. San Jose's forte is rebounding (it ranked eighth in the nation at 55.3 percent), but a weakness at the free throw line (66.2) must be improved for the Spartans to achieve national recognition.

LONG BEACH: The entire starting team is back from a 24-3 team and it will be bolstered by gems from a 15-3 freshman contingent. Jerry Tarkanian is ecstatic over 6-8 Sam Robinson, an All-Coast with 19.7 point credentials. Play-callers Ray Gritton (6-0) and Shawn Johnson (6-4) will be challenged by 6-1 super-soph Dwight Taylor (35 points). The 6-5 Sleepy Montgomery (11 points) and 6-9 Bob Lynn are regulars still in harness, but under fire from soph Billy Jankans (23 points and 15 rebounds), the fabled George Trapp (6-9) and Dave McLucas (6-7). Trapp (23 points) was the most valuable junior college cager in California in 1968-69. The schedule is the most arduous in school history, with skirmishes against such foes as Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Houston.

SANTA BARBARA: Springing from a 17-9 season (the first winning one since 1964), Ralph Barkey's Gauchos are banking on nine veterans and the cream from a

15-5 frosh squad. Doug Rex, 6-8 center, keys UCSB hopes and is out to top his 463 points that set a school mark last season. Front-liners will feature Ron Rouse and 6-6 soph John Tschogl (22 points and 13 rebounds) who offers tremendous promise. Larry Silvest, Bob Emery, Bob Mason, Cliff Lambert and Mike McGory shore up the guard spots. Newfound speed and depth make the Gauchos definite PCAA darkhorses.

FRESNO STATE: Ed Gregory (73-37 after four years) is jumping over four lettermen and two fresh faces. Senior forward Lucius Davis (6-4½) has tallied in excess of 450 points two years straight and is primed to do it again. Larry Henriksen is back at forward and guards Rob Stephens and Bob Vasilovich have savvy. Lean Sam Jackson (6-5) hit 458 points as a frosh and should edge into the backcourt. A 1968-69 redshirt, Ben Hill (6-8), will be at the post.

SAN DIEGO STATE: New coach Dick Davis combed the junior college bushes to round out a potentially fine squad. Vets in tow include Von Jacobsen, Erich Martensen and Ken Neun, Rav Samuelson (23 points) is a frosh product who sparkles. Transfers who have caught Davis' eye are 6-2 Mike Washington (19.3 points) and 6-5 Jon Borchert (12.8 points and 13.6 rebounds). Washington is particularly adept on the fast break and shooting from outside.

LOS ANGELES STATE: The Diablos under new skipper Bob Miller could be the

Johnny-jumpers of the PCAA. Eight of 10 monogrammers return, spearheaded by gifted 6-6 senior Ron Knight (22.8 points the last two years). Five prospects from a 22-4 frosh team add to the optimism. Best newcomer is guard Mose Adolph (24.6 points), who bullseyed 60 percent of his floor shots.

INDEPENDENTS

SEATTLE: Experience is the byword with Bucky Buckwalter's Chieftains. Nine veterans, four of them two-year monogrammers, are on tap. Buzzsaw Tom Little (6-0), scoring at 22 points, and Lou West (6-3), at 16.7, are stickouts. Jim Gardner (6-5) and Wilson Jones (6-8) vie at center and Sam Pierce (6-4) and Don Edwards (6-0) are the other starters. Ball-handling wizard Lenzy Stuart (16.7) looms as headline-making soph, with the 6-5 Mike Collins and 6-6 Mark Van Antwerp other notable newcomers from the 23-1 frosh. A high-scoring offense and sticky man-to-man defense should make Seattle a Far West power once more.

PORTLAND: Ernie Smith, an exponent of defense, takes over as coach of the Pilots. He comes from the University of Albuquerque, replacing Bill Turner. The Pilots were problem-plagued last year, but will lean on 6-3 Stan Talley (18 points) and 6-5 Bill Ricks (15.4) for leadership. Lou Stremick, Jack Warren and Hank McGuire stand out in the new scheme of things.



Stan Love
Oregon



Don Crenshaw
USC



Bobby Sands
Pepperdine



Fred Boyd
Oregon State



George Irvine
Washington



Claude Terry
Stanford



Sam Robinson
Long Beach

EAST BASKETBALL'S CHOICE: ST. JOHN'S, DUQUESNE VILLANOVA, PENN

BY DAVID SCHULZ

Associated Features

• Eastern basketball might not be the best in the country this year, but it will certainly be the most competitive. The glitter of stars like Calvin Murphy of Niagara, Bob Lanier of St. Bonaventure, Howie Porter of Villanova and Jim McMillian of Columbia is contrasted with the balanced play of teams like Duquesne, St. John's, Penn. Boston College and Georgetown. Villanova, St. John's and Duquesne have to be considered among the top independents, while any of 10 other teams is capable of making post season tournaments, if not national rankings.

The Ivy League looms as a three-way race, with Penn's balanced attack getting the nod over Columbia and Princeton, but not by much.

New York area basketball is enjoying something of a revival, with St. John's strong as usual but by no means dominating Manhattan, Fordham and New York University. Seton Hall has the edge over St. Peter's in the Metropolitan Conference race.

St. Joseph's gets the call in the MAC. Supremacy in New England can't be claimed by any one independent. Rhode Island makes a strong case in the Yankee Conference.

INDEPENDENTS

ST. JOHN'S: Big Bill Paulitz, 6-10, is the best pivotman the Redmen have had since Leroy Ellis. Joe DePre is back, but can't quite replace the departed John Warren. Soph Richie Lyons, 17.2 as a frosh, will quarterback and Jim Smyth and Richie Gilkes will help St.

John's to another post-season tournament bid.

DUQUESNE: The Dukes were 21-5 last year and there's nothing to keep them from duplicating it this year. Four regulars are back: top scorer Jarrett Durham (17.4), playmaker Billy Zopf, and 6-9 twins Garry and Barry Nelson. Up from the frosh is 6-5 Mickey Davies (27.8) and junior college transfer Perry Johnson can be useful.

VILLANOVA: Jack Kraft tries for his ninth post-season tourney in as many years, and Howie Porter is around to see that he gets it. Porter led in scoring (22.4) and rebounding (14.5), but invaluable Johnny Jones must be replaced. Sam Sims might do it if he stays healthy, or it could be one of the strong sophs: Chris Ford, Joe McDowell, Hank Siemiontkowski. Fran O'Hanlon gives the Wildcats backcourt experience.

ST. BONAVENTURE: As 6-11 Bob Lanier goes, so goes the team. Lanier was considered off-form last season (27.2 points, 15.5 rebounds) after his great soph season, and the Bonnies fell to 17-7. Greg Gory and Matt Ganti are good up front, and guard Paul Hoffman and Bill Kalbaugh are capable, but it's still Lanier's game.

BOSTON COLLEGE: Bob Cousy is coaching in the pros, and Terry Driscoll and Bill Evans are gone. New coach Chuck Daly has 6-5 Tom Veronneau, 6-1 Jim O'Brien and

the memory of last year's great finish and the NIT. Bob Dukiet is back after missing last season with knee problems, and Frank Fitzgerald or soph Pete Schmid, both 6-7, will play where Driscoll did.

GEORGETOWN: If sophomores come through, the Hoyas will play with the best. Joining leading scorer (18.9) and rebounder (11.8) Charlie Adrien are first-year men 6-5 Art White (24.3), 6-7 Mike Laughna (22.7) and 6-8 Mark Mitchell (10.1). Starting guards Mike Laska and Dick Zentler return.

FORDHAM: A tougher schedule, Detroit, Niagara and Princeton replacing Iona, Roanoke and Rochester, could make it tough, but the Rams are deep and consistent. Leading seven experienced returnees is top scorer Charlie Yelverton. Sophs George Zambetti, 6-5 and 22.8 points, and Tom Sullivan, 6-4 and 19.1 points, can help.

MANHATTAN: The Jaspers, after sharing the Metropolitan Conference title, are independent again. Gone is Grady O'Malley, but 6-8 John Marren (18.6 points), 6-5 Doug Fitzgerald (14.1 rebounds), and 6-3 Brian Mahoney (17.1 points) are back, along with sophomores who were 21-2 as freshmen. Best is 6-3 Henry Seawright, who averaged 26.1 points.

NIAGARA: Calvin Murphy, can jump, shoot, score, pass and dribble. But he can't play

continued



Heyward Dotson
Columbia



Jimmy Hayes
Boston University



Charlie Adrien
Georgetown



Bill Reeves
L.U.



Bob Lanier - 27 2 point man



Jim Ooley
Army



Calvin Murphy does everything with the left hand especially the layup



Mike Knight
Seton Hall



Henry Seawright
Manhattan



John F. J.
Rhode Island



Jeff Peirce
Providence



Ray Ellerbrook
Massachusetts



Bob Kissane
Holy Cross



Tom Verroneau
Boston College



Jarrett Durham
Duquesne



Jim Larranaga
Providence



John Marren
Manhattan



Ken Durrett
La Salle



Dolph Porrata
NYU



Bob Kellert
Fordham



Mike Hauer
St. Joseph's

EAST

continued

all five positions. If 6-6 Bob Churchwell gets some rebounding help and Murphy keeps scoring at his 30-point-plus clip, Niagara could reverse some of those close decisions of last year. Soph Roosevelt Wingate (24.6) might take some pressure off Murphy.

HOLY CROSS: Development of Bob Kissane, a 6-8 junior, is the key to Crusader hopes. He averaged 15.3 points and 9.0 rebounds while playing excellent defense as a soph. Board help comes from 6-8, 235-pound Don Sasso, while 6-1 Jack Adams (14.6) controls the backcourt. Return of 6-7 Pete Knapp, and sophs Buddy Venne and Stan Grayson will help.

NYU: Violet fortunes are rising with the return of 6-7 Jim Signorile, 20.1 points and 11.8 rebounds. Also back are double-figure scorers Dolph Porrata (16.1) and Paul Dobleman (13.3). Lilliputian guards John Kazanjian and Rory Guma, and tough rebounder Mark Geschwer. Lack of overall height and speed will be problems, but soph Andy Chappell might be a solution whether his playmaking is used outside or his shooting inside.

PROVIDENCE: Three sophs led a high-scoring binge at the end of last season, and coach David Gavitt figures Jim Larranaga, (19.5), Vic Collucci and Ray Johnson can keep it up this season. If they need support, it can come from 6-3 Gary Wilkins, who averaged 31.7 for the frosh.

ARMY: Senior guard Jim Oxley will carry the scoring load, but defense is Army's game. Mike Gyovai, Tom Miller and Max Miller, all 6-5, and 6-2 Doug Clevenger return with experience from last year's NIT. Big problem is finding a center.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY: Ten lettermen, including All-East Jimmy Hayes, brighten prospects for the Terriers. Hayes, a 6-4 forward-guard, set a dozen school records as he averaged 25.7 points a game. Marty Schoefer, only 6-3, is a strong rebounder.

PENN STATE: Johnny Bach could use a loan from football coach Joe Paterno. The Nittany Lions have good speed and can shoot, but need muscle. Two big men, 6-9 Phil Nichols and 6-8 soph Bob Fittin, are as thin as they are tall. Scoring comes from 6-2 Tom Daley (14.2) and 6-3 Willie Bryant (11.8).

SYRACUSE: Four returning starters give the Orange a good shot at climbing above .500. A big plus is 6-11 Bill Smith, top scorer at 19.0 and leading rebounder with 11.6. Freshman standout of two years ago, 6-6 Bob McDaniel, is eligible again, and 6-1 soph Greg Kohls (20.5) looks good.

RUTGERS: Gone are the top five scorers, and dreams of another post-season tourney. John McFadden started every game as a soph, but averaged only 3.0. Sophs come off a 7-8 freshman year.

COLGATE: Ed Ashnault has the biggest team in Colgate history, led by 6-8 soph Rich Lebel. Top scorer Nick Scaccia (15.8) returns, as does team quarterback Mike Greenlaw. Junior college transfer Les Bingham is an asset.

NAVY: The thought of a rebuilding year after a 7-14 season can't be cheering to coach Dave Smalley. Guard Jack Conrad (11.4) and forward Scott Semko (10.2) lead returnees, and 6-7 Bob Kenny and 6-4 Bob Perry are best soph prospects. Bench strength and running mate for Conrad are biggest needs.

CANISIUS: A pair of junior college transfers—Gary Stewart and Clyde Alexander, both

6-6 and 225 pounds—are counted on to improve 7-16 record. They join 6-2 Gene Roberson (13.3) and 6-0 Roger Brown (12.0). Soph Tom Carson, 6-8, rounds out a tall but inexperienced front line.

PITT: After the worst season in Pitt history, 4-20, there is only one way to go—and the going will be made easier by nine returning lettermen, including all five starters. Scoring was a problem (60.5 as a team), and 5-10 Mike Caldwell (11.6) and 6-5 Bob McFarland (11.5) hope to do something about it.

ST. FRANCIS (Loretto): Coach John Clark looks to improve on a 16-8 season, mainly because of 6-10 Mike Copeland (12.3 points and 10.1 rebounds) and 6-1 playmaker Bill Snodgrass (17.7 points). Clark is also counting on 6-4 soph Kevin Porter, 33.1 as a freshman.

BUFFALO: The Bulls keep improving, but so does the competition in their second season in the NCAA's university division. Four starters return, including 6-9 John Vaughn and 6-5 Steve Waxman (13.3). Room must be made for 5-9 soph Ron Gilliam, 30.1 with the frosh.

FAIRFIELD: Frank Magaletta (19.5) and Riche Sanabria (13.6) are back to work on improving a 10-16 record.

BRIDGEPORT: Light-scoring returnees include 6-8 John Foster-Bey and 6-1 Rufus Wells. Soph Dean Zimet, a 6-6 whiz, will make things interesting, if not winning.

ROCHESTER: Height, or lack of it, will be a problem, but the experience of 6-3 Eric Fass (13.8), 6-5 Paul Askew (9.4) and 6-1 Bill Huddle, a top defensive player, is an asset. Jackson Collins, 6-4 junior, and 6-3 soph Kevin Aiken and Bob Beasley all have starting potential.

continued



NYU's Jim Signorile averaged 11.8 rebounds and 20.1 points last season.



Marquette's Howie Porter (55), combines a fine scoring touch with great rebounding ability.

Kurin, 6-1 Ed Wisneski, 6-1 Gary Dicovitsky and 6-10 Jim Masker

averaged 23.4 with frosh, and 6-4 Ken House (24.0 points, 16.1 rebounds as a freshman) will join 6-4 Gary Cavallo up front

IVY LEAGUE

PENN: Another top crop of Dick Harter recruits blossoms this year and should make the Quakers the team to beat. All-Ivy Dave Wohl (16.1) and Steve Biskly (14.5) were the soph hoishots in the back court last year. More scoring and rebounding up front should be provided by the best of a 21-0 frosh team, 6-8 cornerman Bob Morse (17.4), 6-5 Al Cotler (15.8) and the top find, 6-5 Dave "Corky" Calhoun (15.8). Key to success, though, is development of 6-8 center Jim Wolfe, who averaged only 9.3 points as a regular last year.

PRINCETON: The Tigers lost only one man, but he was 6-9 Chris Thomforde. Back are All-Ivy Jeff Petrie, the league's leading scorer (23.9) and 6-7 John Hummer. Soph Reg Bird could start at guard. Any of three or four sophs in the 6-5, 6-6 range could take over the pivot, or Hummer might wind up there and leave a hole in the corner. Sophs give Princeton a deep bench and evenness of talent which could take them all the way.

COLUMBIA: If the center problem is solved, 6-5 Jim McMillan and 6-4 Heward Dotson could take the Lions all the way. McMillan was team's leading scorer, rebounder and defensive player. Dotson can score and moves well enough to play pivot at times, despite his size. Bob Glaus, 6-7 transfer from Pitt can help, but center hopefuls 6-6 Bruce Fogel, 6-5 George Starke or 6-8 1-2 soph Craig Reynolds hold the solution.

DARTMOUTH: More scoring and rebounding must be provided by sophs if Indians are to have their first winning season in 10 years. Alex Winn, 6-7 forward who averaged 20.2 points, heads the returnees. Also back are Tom Reddy and Henry Tyson, hurt last season after good sophomore seasons. Top prospects from the frosh 6-5 Paul Erland 6-2 John Van-

HARVARD: Cantabs can improve over last's seventh place finish but not much. Coach Bob Harrison is in his second year and has only one senior, 6-5 center Ernie Hardy (9.8 points). Top scorer, 6-2 Dale Dover (16.9), is back along with 6-6 Mike Janczewski. Top soph is 5-9 Matt Borek, 22.8 with the frosh, and there is some frontcourt help in 6-6 Brian Newmark, 6-4 Wayne Clapp and 6-5 Bill Newkirk.

YALE: The Elis are shooting for a .500 season and could make it since they didn't lose anybody from last year's 9-16 squad. Top scorer Jim Morgan (19.6) could team up with leading frosh scorer, Mike McLaren (18.8), in the backcourt. Long John Whiston, 6-9 center, showed improvement, while 6-3 forward Thatcher Shellaby is steady.

CORNELL: The Big Red will do well to repeat last year's fourth place finish. Bill Schwarzkopf (14.4 points, 11.5 rebounds) is only experienced returnee. Squadmen returning are Dom Calderone, Bob Witkoski and Paul Frye, all guards. Frosh team yields 6-4 1-2 Dick Amato, (18.7), 6-5 1-2 Jess Gregory (10.6) and 5-10 Gene Williams (10.2).

BROWN: A new coach, nine returning lettermen and some big, strong sophomores will try to get Brown out of the Ivy basement. Coach Gerry Alaimo inherits only one double-figure scorer, 5-11 Bill Kahn (10.3), from last year's 3-23 team. Arnie Berman (20.8) and Bill Kulkmeyer (9.4), both 6-7 and 210 pounds, are up from the frosh, along with Oscar Kolvin, a 6-1 guard who averaged 12.4.

METROPOLITAN

SETON HALL: If injuries don't rob the Pirates of their key men, they could make the other teams walk the plank. Mel Knight, the 5-11 guard known as Mel the Marvel, averaged 17.7 despite injuries. Soph guard Frank Cortes

ST. PETER'S: Trying to make people forget Elnardo Webster will be 6-4 Ed Strong and 6-6 Tom Schwester. Charlie McAllister, 6-5, will do what he can up front and 6-2 Rich Rinaldi looks to improve on a 15.0 average as a soph. Ted Martinuk brings a 23.0 average from the frosh. If 6-7 Ed Sutor's ankle is ok, he'll be useful.

LIU: The Blackbirds lost five of their first six players from last year's 17-6 team. Top returnee is 6-3 Bill Reeves, the best defensive player on a team that was fourth best in the nation, but he averaged only 5.6 points. Joining Reeves will be guards Bill Foley and Barney Shulman and frontcourt men Bob Cohen and Bob Ednick. Several promising sophs, but Blackbird will be green.

IONA: Bill McGruggins, 6-7 senior, returns after missing most of last season with broken ankle. A good scorer and rebounder, he joins 6-4 Arthur Wiggins (14.0 points, 13.0 rebounds as a soph), 6-6 Al Kindelman and 6-4 Ned O'Connell. Coach Jim McDermott will choose his guards among 5-6 John Carey, 6-2 Hugh Grinnon, 6-1 Harry Hart, and 6-2 Joe Mazella.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON: Top scorer Howie Weinstein (14.3) and team MVP Pete Tierney (11.3) lead six returning lettermen, along with Ron Branch (9.7). Sophs Oliver Smith, Lee Shulman, Konrad Reybitz and John Dean must produce if FDU is to improve on 9-13 slate.

HOFSTRA: Coach Paul Lynner lost top scorers and rebounders, Bob McLaughlin (6.2 points) heads returnees. Lynner is high on 6-4 sophomore forward Tom Kelleher.

WAGNER: Seahawks don't have a man over 6-4, but they do have Ray Hodge, a 6-2 forward who is setting school scoring records all over the place. Help might come from 6-4



Scott Semko
Navy



Dave Calhoun
Pennsylvania



Bill Kahn
Brown



Ray Hodge
Wagner



Tom Daley
Penn State



John McFadden
Rutgers



Jim Morgan
Yale



Mike Caldwell
Pitt



Bill Smith
Syracuse



Bill Schwarzkopf
Cornell



Gary Wilkins
Providence



Bob Dukiet
Boston College

Tracy Windrum, 17.5 with the frosh

ST. FRANCIS: There is 6-0 John Conforti, 24.3 average (17th in the nation) and 6-7 Earl Roberts. Soph Reggie Santos brings a 20-point average, but St. Francis needs more than that

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

ST. JOSEPH'S: The Hawks should repeat last year's performance, good enough for an NCAA tourney berth. Both 5-10 Dan Kelly (18.8) and 6-3 1 2 Mike Hauer (20.6 points, 12.0 rebounds) return, as do starters 6-6 John Connolly (9.2) and 6-2 Jack Snyder (7.3). Sub Eric Mitchell (6-5) could be a starter, and 6-2 soph guard Jim McCollum is too good to stay on the bench

TEMPLE: Four starters are gone from last year's NIT champs, but soph star Bill Strunk is back, and so is Tom Wiczerak, a hero in the NIT final against Boston College. Guard Drew Nolan and 6-5 Jack Kirschling are back, and 6-7 soph Lee Tress could be just the rebounder the Owls need. Tim Fehrlie (12.7) and Dan Pochurek (12.9) are also good-looking sophs

LASALLE: From 23-1 back to nowhere. Only 6-7 Ken Durett (20.0 points, 11.8 rebounds) returns from the starting five, ranked No. 2 at the end of the year. Little Fran Dunphy will move up from sixth man and will be teamed with 6-2 Bill Michuda or 6-0 Greg Can non, brother of yesterday's hero, Larry. Not much help expected from the freshmen

LAFAYETTE: Coach Harold Wissel is counting on sophomore Tracy Tripucka, a 6-5 forward, to bring Lafayette its first winning season in five years. Tripucka averaged 25 points a game with the frosh and hit on 57 percent of his shots. He'll be with returning starters 6-1 Mike Miller (17.6) and 6-6 Ron Moyer (12.0)

DELAWARE: Everybody is back from last
continued



Dale Dover was Harvard's top scorer last season



Jim McMillian (5) led Columbia in scoring, rebounding and defensive play



Joe Summer
Wesleyan



Steve Jackson
De aware



Tracy Tripucka
Lafayette



Ned Rahn
Muhlenberg



Frank Martiniuk
Vermont



Denny Chakas
Ithaca



Julius Erving
Massachusetts



Greg Gettle
Gettysburg



Nick Scaccia
Colgate



Bob Fortune
Lehigh



Jim Wherry
Bucknell



John Untereker
Williams

EAST continued

year's 11-10 team, led by 6-4 Steve Jackson (19.7) and 6-7 Ed Roth, team MVP. Guard Jim Couch and 6-4 Loren Pratt averaged better than 14 points each. Top sophs are Ken Heland, Mike Masoncup and Nick Scogna.

GETTYSBURG: If coach Bob Hulton ever gets his complicated defensive patterns across the Bullets could spring some surprises. Center Chris Strunk and guard Greg Gettle power the offense. Sophs include Roger Eppheimer (17.4), Jay Bucher (17.2) and Rich Kenshaw (16.5).

BUCKNELL: Rebounding help from 6-9 transfer Dave Logan or 6-7 junior letterman Tom Marble could improve on last year's 13-11 record. Jim Wherry needs only 315 points to become the highest scorer in Bucknell annals.

MUHLBERG: The Mules should again repeat as the MAC southern division champs—since all five starters return, including the high scoring trio of Ned Rahn (a school record 496 points), Bob McClure (489), and Mickey Miller (461).

LEHIGH: A good-looking sophomore crew should do something about improving on last year's 7-victory season. Fred Bechtel, 6-9, and Greg Falkenbach, 6-7, will go nicely with vet Bob Fortune, 6-5, who pulled down a school record 292 rebounds last year. Sophs Mike Drew and Paul Timashenka could start.

RIDER: Brones will be improved, but will find going tough in re-aligned western division of MAC. Returning starting five is led by Rich Wallace (15.0). Soph Gene Kelly, a Villanova transfer, could make it right away.

YANKEE CONFERENCE

RHODE ISLAND: Rams finished 1968-69 by winning six of last eight games, and they might keep right on winning. All-New England John Fultz, 6-6, 23.0 points, heads list of eight

returnees. Al Hazard and Ron Louder, both 6-7, have to watch out for 6-4 junior college transfer Nate Adger, who averaged 29.3 at Johnson and Wales JC last year. Top soph is 6-4 Phil Hickson (21.2).

MASSACHUSETTS: Ken Mathias, 6-6, takes his 10.5 average to center this season and if it works, the Redmen might keep their crown. All-conference Ray Fillerbrook (18.0) is back and help should come from 15-0 frosh team in the form of Julius Erving and Rich Vogeley.

VERMONT: If top scorer Frank Martiniuk (19.2) can develop as a playmaker, Catamounts might win more than they lose. Bob Hutton, 6-4, is the only other double-figure scorer (12.4). Sophs Mark Miller, 6-6, 19.1 rebounds, and Ray Ortiz, 20.8 points, can help.

MAINE: Top rebounder is gone and so is top scorer in school's history (Jim Stephenson). Marshall Todd (13.5) at guard, 6-6 Dennis Stanley (11.8) and 6-5 Bob Chandler (9.3) will be joined by 6-6 Bill Haynes and 6-5 Dom Susi both back after scholastic difficulties. Frosh send up 6-6 John Sterling (17.7).

CONNECTICUT: New coach Dee Rowe finds seven men left from last year's 5-19 season. Double-figure scorers are 6-3 Bob Staak (17.0), 6-5 Ron Hrubla (16.1), 6-7 Tony Budzinski (11.2) and 6-2 Tom McCrocklin (10.6). Some help for the usual tough schedule might come from 6-7 soph Taurus Prickstas.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Four twin-figure scorers off an 11-4 freshman team might get Wildcats away from the cellar. 6-3 Dave Pemberton (19.8), 6-2 Mike McCurry (15.5), 6-4 Tom Weir (13.8) and 6-1 Dwight Peters (13.2). Vets are Paul Sheppard, Frank Davis, Jeff Bannister, Phil Blum and Brian Horan. Team needs height and strength.

LITTLE THREE

AMHERST: A rebuilding year for defending Little Three titlists. Main building block is

6-5 Dave Auten, leading scorer (18.5) and rebounder (12.7). Sophs, Little Three freshman champs a year ago, will provide depth.

WESLEYAN: Height problem might be solved by 6-6 Jim Akin, 18.3 rebounds and 15.0 points as a frosh. Scoring will be paced by 5-9 Joe Summer (14.4). Forwards George Fenton and Mark Zajac return to give Cardinals a shot at Little Three championship.

WILLIAMS: An experienced team, along with return of injured center Dick Travers, should assure a better record and a three-way race. Flanking Travers will be Charley Knox and John Untereker, both good scorers.

OTHERS

AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL: All starters are back from last year's third-place finishers in NCAA college division tourney, but most sting in Yellow Jackets' attack might come from 6-4 soph Mike White, who averaged 33.1 as a freshman.

OSWEGO: It'll be tough to duplicate 13-7 record of last year, but Ralph Marotta (11.5) and Larry Miller (11.1) are back to try.

ITHACA: Greg Albano is gone, but if 6-6 Denny Chakas can fill his shoes, the Blue can keep winning. Mark Rowley and Keith Shields provide experience in the backcourt.

GANNON: Junior Glen Summer, 6-8, returns to make Gannon a threat in small college circles.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT: Things look worse than last year's 5-19 mark. 6-1 Jim Gleason heads returnees, but 6-6 Mike Verboosky needs help on boards.

KING'S: Sophomore Roland Carpenter, at 6-6, hit for 24 points and 15 rebounds a game as a frosh. If veterans stay eligible, record could improve.



Bob Simmons
Oswego



Eric Fas
Rochester



Rich Warren
Rye



Ron Graham
Buffalo



Rufus Wells
Bridgeport



Ronald Carpenter
Knox



Steve Waxman
Buffalo



Howe Wrenn
Fairfield



Jim Geaso
Southern Connecticut



Bob M. Lutz
Hofstra



Joe LaPrez is at right. St. John's post season tournament hopes

SOUTHWEST BASKETBALL'S CHOICE: TEXAS, HOUSTON

BY WALT ROBERTSON

Dallas Morning News

• Our busy-busy society demands instant coffee, instant credit and instant peace. It's not too surprising, then, to find Southwest basketball coaches seeking instant talent.

The 1970 SWC championship may well be decided by how effective were the searches for the junior college transfers who can step immediately to the varsity and help lead the charges. And coaches in the independent and smaller conference ranks likewise are banking heavily on juco talent.

Coach Leon Black's Texas Longhorns, having lassoed perhaps the top JC hand available in 6-7 Lynn Howden, therefore grab the role of slight favorite to oust defending champ Texas A&M for the SWC crown, with Baylor hoping to vault from the sleeper ranks to the throne. Texas Tech, Southern Methodist, Arkansas and Rice appear clustered back of the three top contenders and a step or so ahead of lowly Texas Christian.

Houston's Cougars will make a gallant but perhaps premature run at returning to a place in the national sun among the independents. Howard Payne and Stephen F. Austin will battle it out in the Lone Star Conference and Lamar Tech and University of Texas at Arlington should wage a stiff title duel in the Southland Conference.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

TEXAS: The team with the worst overall (9-15) record in the SWC last season became a leading contender by collaring the most widely-sought "free agent" in all the Southland. That talented young man is Lynn Howden, a 6-7 forward who was a whiz-kid as a freshman at LSU, dropped out to attend South Texas Junior College last season. Howden will have three years of eligibility at Texas and brings with him a gaudy average of 25 points and 18.5 rebounds since he left high school. He and returning starter Wayne Doyal, a 6-6 senior, make Texas a solid contender. Joe (Scooter) Lennox (6-2), Eric Groscurth (6-6) and Richard Langdon (6-7½) are the

frosh graduates expected to make strong bids for starting assignments. And there's better-than-average returning experience in the likes of Bruce Motley (6-6) and Billy Black (6-3).

TEXAS A&M: The Aggies return only two starters from last year's championship club but certainly won't easily be unseated. Steve Niles, 7-foot junior, and 6-4 Mike Heitman, are the only returning starters. But 6-9 Rick Duplantis and 6-4 Jeff Watkins move up from a good frosh squad and coach Shelby Metcalf likewise lassoed a red-hot junior college hand in 6-foot Pat Kavanaugh, a stellar floor leader who may well command the Aggie attack. There also are returning varsity squadmen like 6-2 Bill Cooksey and 6-4 Chuck Smith.

BAYLOR: Coach Bill Menefee's Bears are bonafide contenders who return as much known talent as anyone. Three starters, All-SWC performer Tommy Bowman (6-4), Larry Gatewood (6-5) and David Sibley (6-5) return, along with 6-4 Tom Freidman, a part-time starter a year ago. The Bears likewise will be banking heavily on aid from the junior college ranks. Both 6-3 Jerry Hopkins and 6-6 William Chatmon are expected to see considerable action. If 6-7 frosh graduate Pat Fees comes through big, the Bears could well improve on their 18-6 overall (league's best) and 10-4 second place SWC finish of last season.

TEXAS TECH: About the only thing the Red Raiders won't return is their coach. After weathering several stormy periods, Gene Gibson was fired at the end of the '69 season and replaced by Bob Bass, who gave up a job with the Denver Rockets of the pro ABA. The returning talent may not be Bass' type material. Four starters will be back—6-5 Steve Hardin, 6-1 Steve Williams, 6-3 Jerry Turner and 6-5 Mike Oates. In addition, Clay Van Loozen should regain scholastic eligibility at mid-term and David Johnson will be back after sitting out '68-69 with an injury. A little more depth would make the Raiders

a troublesome contender

SMU: The Mustangs will return the SWC's Player of the Year and top scorer, Gene Phillips, a lean and lithe 6-4 junior who should have another outstanding year. But graduation losses were heavy and coach Bob Prewitt may not be able to come up with enough solid help for Phillips. Only one other starter returns, 6-2 Bobby Harrison, although part-time starter Donnie Berg, rugged 6-5 senior should handle a starting berth more than adequately. The other starters will have to come from 6-2 Larry Delzell, a redshirt who was highly touted as a freshman before suffering an early-season injury last year, and from the freshman ranks, where 6-7 Steve Putnam, 6-8 David Miller and 6-3 Bobby Rollings appear to be the most promising.

ARKANSAS: The Razorbacks are not likely to make any jet-propelled moves from the cellar position of last season although they should be improved. Three starters return from the dead last (4-10) entry of '68-69. They are 6-4 Robert McKenzie, 6-4 Rick Tanneberger and 6-5 James Eldridge. Redshirt Bobby Vint, 6-8, should make a strong bid to start, as should 6-6 soph Vernon Murphy, mainstay of the freshman squad of last season. Reserve ranks appear thin, however, as do Porker hopes in general.

RICE: The Owls will return four starters—6-6 Jim Naples, 6-1 Tom Myer, 6-2 Gary Reist and 6-8 Steve Wendel. But replacing high-scoring Greg Williams, a unanimous All-SWC hand, will be a weighty chore for coach Don Knodel. Myer was a late-bloomer last season who finished the year with the league's top shooting average. If needed depth should come from such sophomores as 6-6 Ted Melady and 6-4 Leroy Marion, the first Negro cager at Rice, the Owls could move up a notch or two.

continued

Houston's Ollie Taylor demonstrates his fantastic leaping ability





Poo Welch
Houston



Fred Davis
Howard Payne

SOUTHWEST

continued

TCU: Perhaps the best thing that could happen at TCU is the ultra-low finish being predicted for the Frogs. Last season it was the other way around. The Frogs were defending champs and rated a near-cinch to repeat. They finished the season with a pitifully-disappointing 12-12 season record and tied for sixth in the SWC race at 5-9. Graduation riddled Frog ranks. Only two part-time starters return, Norm Wintermeyer and Doug Boyd, plus Rick Wittenbraker, who started in '68. Coach Johnny Swaim will have to bank heavily on JC transfer Steve Smith (6-7) and soph Evans Royal (6-4)



Rick Wittenbraker
TCU



Ronnie Hearne
Abilene Christian

INDEPENDENTS

HOUSTON: The Cougars finally have a place to practice—a new 12,000-seat fieldhouse. Unfortunately, they'll need the practice, for they appear to be maybe a year away from returning to the upper-echelon of the nation's collegiate basketball world. In 6-3 junior college transfer Poo Welch, Houston at last has great outside shooting. He averaged 29.8 points last season. Teaming with him outside likely will be 6-2 Tom Gribben, one of two returning starters. The other starter back is 6-2 forward Ollie Taylor, maybe the best 6-2 jumper in all the land. Much of the Cougar success will depend on a



Tom Fisher
Trinity



Eddie Stallings
Texas (Arlington)

couple of giant sophs, 6-9 Robert Hall, who broke most of Elvin Hayes' records as a freshman two seasons ago, and 6-7 Dwight Davis

WEST TEXAS STATE: The Buffs return 10 vets from last year's team which had a good 18-8 season and played in the NAIA championships. But no one is fooling anyone, or even trying to, about replacing 6-6 All-America whiz Simmie Hill. Heading the returnees are No. 3 scorer James McCloud (6-5) and No. 4 scorer Dale Blaut (6-2). Much depends on progress made by such hopefuls as George Bailey, who averaged 30 points as a freshman, 6-10 squadman Johnnie Burkhalter and JC transfers Eddie Fitzgerald (6-7) and Derryl Fox (6-5)

HARDIN-SIMMONS: The Cowboys likely will be hard-pressed to maintain the nation's third-highest offense which averaged 91.9 points last year, or perhaps to claim another 13-13 season record. They'll sorely miss graduated Buddy Hanes, top scorer for two seasons running. Top returnees include junior Bill Starks, who averaged 13.4 points last season, and Max Brownlee, who averaged 11.6

LONE STAR CONFERENCE

HOWARD PAYNE: The Yellow Jacks will be difficult to remove from their league throne after last year's fine 27-4 season All-star Fred Davis, 6-5 and easily the Lone Star's Most Valuable Player in '69, returns, as do such top hands as 6-7 Dan McGhee, 6-6 Lee Coleman, 6-0 Ken Hendrick and 6-5 Hugh Fletcher

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN: The Lumberjacks likely will be the only team with enough muscle to give Howard Payne a battle. And much of it will be furnished by 7-foot George Johnson, tallest player in Lone Star history who already owns the league rebound record. All other starters—6-7 Surry Oliver, 6-6 Harvey Huffstetter, 6-6 Ervin Polnick and 6-6 Marvin Polnick—return from team that averaged record 93.6 points last year

MCMURRY: The Indians return leading scorer Randall Caussey, and two other starters, Charles Tabb and Willie Nelson from team that finished 18-9 a year ago. They should be best of the rest

TEXAS A&I: The Javelinas should be a first-division club with 6-3 Fred Clayton and 6-8 Greg Akromis returning

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: The Bobcats are tall and fairly experienced with returnees like 6-7 Paul Hackett, 6-7 Perry Jackson and 6-7 Ernest Chesney.

SUL ROSS: The LSC's No. 2 scorer last year, 6-1 Larry Jackson (24.8 avg), returns along with Randy Martindale and Bob Tomlinson

SAM HOUSTON: Three veterans, Bobby Schultz, Willie Adamson and John McCreary return, but hopes still are slim

EAST TEXAS: New coach Jim Gudger moves in after 19 years at Western Carolina, but his inheritance is thin despite six lettermen. Calvin Walker, 6-7, heads the pack

TARLETON STATE and ANGELO STATE: They make their first Lone Star basketball races and likely their immaturity will be showing

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

LAMAR TECH: The Cardinals return three starters from team that finished 20-4 for the season last year and had string of 15 victories before losing race for title to Trinity in final week. Top returnees are 6-7 Phil Endicott, 6-5 Jim Nicholson and Kenny Haynes. A stable bench and good overall height may give the Cards the advantage

TEXAS-ARLINGTON: The Rebels must overcome lack of big men and a tough schedule but will prove top challenger in league play. Eddie Stallings (6-3), a 2-time All-Southland performer, heads the Reb returnees. Other starters back are 5-11 David Payne and 6-5 Bob Peek. JC transfers Sherman Evans (6-2) and Dave Evans (6-7) should boost UTA chances

ARKANSAS STATE: Three starters, 6-9 John Belcher, 6-8 John McKay and 6-3 Mike Wise return and the Indians could challenge in the first season of John Rose, who moves up to replace retired Marvin Speight

TRINITY: The defending champs were heavily hit by graduation and must rebuild around two returning starters. 6-2 Bill Stokes and 6-4 Tom Fisher

ABILENE CHRISTIAN: The Wildcats should be improved, after the worst record (5-20) in history, but not enough. Regulars back are 6-3 Ronnie Hearne and 6-9 Ronnie Massev. ●



MIDLANDS

BASKETBALL'S CHOICE:

COLORADO, LOUISVILLE

BY BOB HENTZEN

Topeka Capital-Journal

• Colorado, with the same team, and Louisville, with super sophomores, are the ones to beat in 1969-70. There are clubs in both the Big Eight and Missouri Valley who think they can

Colorado vaulted from the basement to the championship in the Big Eight primarily because of 6-8 Cliff Meely, who did it all as a sophomore. Meely and his supporting cast returns intact

Louisville lost four-fifths of its Missouri Valley co-championship club, but the sophomores who will be stepping in are the ones who were beating the varsity last season. Center Mike Grosso will provide the height and experience

At last five other Big Eight teams could move into the title picture. Iowa State, Nebraska and Missouri also have five starters returning and each has a touted sophomore. Kansas and Kansas State also pick up blue-chip newcomers to go with an adequate stock of veterans

Cincinnati appears best equipped to win in the Missouri Valley if Louisville's sophomores aren't as good as advertised. There probably won't be a bad team in the league

With sophomore and junior college transfers being groomed for key roles at many schools, it's risky as ever to predict the finishes. But in the Big Eight, let's say it will be Colorado, Kansas, Iowa State, Kansas State, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State. And in the Missouri Valley, let's make it Louisville, Cincinnati, Bradley, Wichita, Drake, North Texas, Tulsa, St. Louis, Memphis State

MISSOURI VALLEY

LOUISVILLE: Seldom would a team with four sophomore starters loom as a title favorite in the Missouri Valley, but it's hardly surprising at Louisville where the freshmen won eight of nine games from last year's varsity. The varsity was good enough to go 20-5 and share the title with Drake. Coach John Dromo's hold-over starter if 6-11 Mike Grosso, who averaged just under 16 points and rebounds. The sophs who'll play around him include 6-8 Al Vilcheck (19.6), 6-4 Ron Stallings (12.6), 6-3 Henry Bacon (17.0), 6-2 Jim

Price (19.5) and 6-0 Larry Carter (24.5). Veteran reserves John Studer and Greg Neely also are available

CINCINNATI: The Bearcats bow out of the Missouri Valley—they'll go independent next year—with a typically solid team. They were 17-9 (8-8 in the league) last year and returned three starters—6-8 all-league center Jim Ard (16.0 points, 12.4 rebounds), quick 6-0 guard Don Ogletree (14.1) and improved 6-4 Steve Wenderfer. They'll be joined by 6-5 phenom John Fraley, who averaged 25.1 for the frosh including a 52-point game. Guard Bob Schwallie and forward Don Hess, both of whom made occasional starts, are among seven lettermen

BRADLEY: Steve Kuberski, a 6-8 forward already drafted by the Boston Celtics, heads the list of reasons why coach Joe Stowell is hopeful of improving on a 14-12 record (7-9 in the league). Kuberski averaged 23 points and 10 rebounds in earning all-league honors. The other returning starter is Cal Criddle. Two hot sophomores, 6-3 Sam Simmons and 6-5 Rich Schultz, will start

WICHITA: All-league guard Greg Carney (21.0) and seven other players are back from an 11-15 (7-9 in the league) team. Coach Gary Thompson, though, will find room for some talented newcomers including 6-8 sophomore Terry Benton, who broke all frosh rebounding records and scored 19.7, and 6-5 Ron Harris, a 21.1 frosh scorer. Three Kansas junior college stars—6-7 Bob Thurman, 6-4 Wayne Jones and 5-11 Preston Carrington—should help

DRAKE: One starter and two seasoned reserves form the returning nucleus from the team which won a co-championship, frightened UCLA and finished third in the land. The regular is 6-5 Al Williams (8.8). Subs Gary Zeller and 6-9 Rich Wanamaker were impressive in the NCAA. Juco possibilities, and coach Maury John usually lands some dandies, include guard Bobby Jones, player of the year in the national tourney, 6-5 Jeff Halliburton, 6-4

Carl Salyers and 6-7 Tom Bush

NORTH TEXAS: Crack guards Joe Hamilton (20.4) and Crest Whitaker (20.0) return from the club which compiled a 15-10 record, the Eagles' best in 15 years. The 8-8 league mark, which included a 19-point victory over Drake, was the best ever. Size looms as a problem with Mort Fraley, last season's sixth man, probably the tallest starter at 6-6. Jerry Merck, who led the frosh with a 20-plus average, and transfers Ephraim McDaniel and Tom Wolfe are newcomers who will play

TULSA: With 1-2 scoring-rebounding punch of Bobby Smith and Rob Washington missing from a 19-8 (11-5 in league) team, coach Ken Hayes has some holes to fill. His only returning regular is guard Ron Carson (11.7). Redshirt Dana Lewis, 6-11 and 250 pounds, will be the center. California juco products 6-8 Bob Horn and 6-7 John Van Vliet are being groomed for the front line. Former prep All-American Larry Morris and lettermen John Herndon and Roger Gray will vie for a guard spot. Leading frosh scorer Mike Lofstrom could crack the lineup

ST. LOUIS: New coach Bob Polk inherits four regulars from a 6-20 club, but only 6-4 Joe Wiley (16.5 points, 11 rebounds) appears to be a cinch starter because of an influx of sophomore and junior college talent. Sophomore possibilities include 6-1 Carlos Martinez, 6-5 Gary Lamps and 6-6 Rich Stallworth. The juco harvest is made up of 6-9 Mike Lockette, 6-2 Sam Williams and 6-1 Rochell Collins. They'll be after the jobs of 6-8 pivot Jim Bryan (7.9), 6-5 Fritz Ziegler (10.8) and guards Jim Irving and Ed Tabbash

MEMPHIS STATE: Sophomore and junior college help is needed by coach Moe Iba after last season's 6-19 disaster. Holdovers include the league's sophomore of the year, guard Joe Proctor (11.7), plus 6-4 James Douglas (14.1) and Pat Beveridge. Top soph prospects are 6-7 Fred Horton and 6-10 Don Holcomb

COLORADO: Coach Sox Walseth is in the enviable position of having all five starters and 10 lettermen returning from a championship club. Heading the list, and he'll head most lists is 6-8 Cliff Meely, who dominated the league as a sophomore with 23.8 scoring and 12.0 rebounding as the Buffs went 21-7. They foundered a bit after 7-2 Ron Smith lost his eligibility at the semester. He is still a question mark. Walseth's only other problem is where to fit 6-7 Jim Creighton, the leading scorer in Colorado prep history, into a lineup which includes playmaker Gordie Tope (12.4), Mike Coleman (11.1), Dudley Mitchell (7.2) and Tim Wedgeworth (5.7).

KANSAS: The Jayhawks were 20-7 last season, but only 5-4 after All-American Jo Jo White departed at the semester. Coach Ted Owens is hopeful sophomores will provide the scoring and play-making which was absent down the stretch. He has some good ones in Bud Stallworth (19.3), Aubrey Nash (18.7) and Neal Mask (15.9). They'll be blended with 6-9 Dave Robisch, an 18.1 scorer as a soph; Rich Bradshaw (6.9), Pierre Russell (6.5), 6-10 Roger Brown and guard subs Tim Natsues and Chester Lawrence. Redshirt Fred Bosilevac also will play.

IOWA STATE: Coach Glen Anderson's starting five returns intact from a 14-12 (8-6 league) season. There isn't much height but 6-6 all-league Bill Cam is a leaper, averaging 21.8 points and 13 rebounds. Forwards 6-3 Aaron Jenkins and 6-2 Dave Collins (10.4) also are good jumpers. The guards are Jim Abrahamson (10.9) and Jack DeVilder (4.7). Sophs who'll play include high-scoring Gene Mack and 6-4 Rick Engel.

KANSAS STATE: Steve Honeycutt and Gene Williams, the Wildcats' two best, are gone, but coach Cotton Fitzsimmons bubbles over the addition of 6-7 David Hall and 6-8 Bob Zender from the freshman team and 6-5 redshirt Courtney Rogers. Six players who started at one time or another return from a 14-12 (9-5 league) team. They are 6-5 Jerry Venable (14.8), 6-4 Jeff Webb, 6-4 Eddie Smith, 6-5 Chester Lawrence, 6-3 Terry Snider and playmaker deluxe Wheeler Hughes.

NEBRASKA: Joe Cipriano didn't have a senior last season and figures to wipe out the disappointment of a 12-14 record this time around. Touted 6-10 sophomore Chuck Jura will join the likes of 6-3 Marvin Stewart (14.6), 6-5 Bob Gratopp (12.5), 6-2 Tom Scantlebury (11.5), 6-8 Jim Brooks (11.9) and 6-7 Leroy Chalk, who averaged 10.2 rebounds and 9.6 points. Another soph, 6-3 Al Nissen, is in the Husker plans.

cont. nued

Cliff Meely, Colorado's 6-8 center





Gordon Tope
Colorado



John Fraley
Cincinnati



Steve Kuberski
Bradley



Crest Whitaker
North Texas State



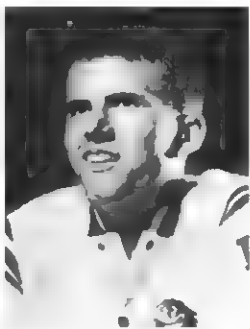
Charles Wallace
Oklahoma City



Don Tomlinson
Missouri



Jim Ard
Cincinnati



Dave Robsch
Kansas

MIDLANDS

continued

MISSOURI: The Tigers' 14-11 (7-7 league) record was the best since 1956. And coach Norm Stewart has his top six back, plus what he lacked—a big man, if 6-8 sophomore Bob Allen comes through. The returnees are 6-4 Don Tomlinson (17.4), 5-11 Dave Pike (12.3), 6-3 Theo Franks (9.8), 6-5 Doug Johnson (9.7), 6-6 Chuck Kundert (8.1) and 6-5 swing man Pete Helmbock (8.8). Henry Smith, a 6-6 junior college product, also is in the picture.

OKLAHOMA: The Sooners are hopeful of pulling out of the cellar by surrounding veterans 6-6 Garfield Heard (13.2) and 6-10 Clifford Ray with newcomers, the best of whom probably is 6-4

Bobby Jack, who averaged 28 a game with the frosh. John Yule, a 6-8 soph., will relieve up front. Other new faces coach John MacLeod is counting on include Kirby Jones, tennis player Scott Martin and 6-3 juco transfer Bobby Hardin.

OKLAHOMA STATE: If there is a poverty pocket in the Big Eight it is at Stillwater where Henry Iba lost all five starters from a 12-13 (5-9 league) team. The picture isn't that bleak if 6-7 Amos Thomas returns. He averaged 17.9 in 14 games as a sophomore before it was found he was ineligible. Others with experience include 5-10 Sparky Grober, 6-8 Paul Mullen, 6-5 Rick Prewitt and 6-5 Rick Cooper. Redshirt Johnny Robinson, a 6-2 guard, may be a starter.

ers are missing from a 13-13 club, including high pro picks Bob Portman and Wally Anderzunas. Eddie Sutton could get off to a reasonably good start in his first season in Omaha. He will have size in 6-9 veteran Joe Bergman, 6-9 redshirt sophomore Cyril Baptiste and 6-6 transfer Dennis Bresnahan. Jack Ketterer, Mike Caruso and Frank Hogan logged playing time at guard and will be joined by transfer John Taylor.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Charles Wallace, a 6-7 guard with tall scoring credentials (21.0), heads the cast of eight returnees from an 18-9 club. Rich Travis, a 26 1 career scorer for coach Abe Lemons is gone. Probably moving into his guard spot will be sophomore Bob Hanes, a 28-point scorer with the frosh. The Chiefs' muscle on the boards will be provided by 6-9 Willie Watson, who averaged 14.3 rebounds last season.

INDEPENDENTS

CREIGHTON: Although all five start-



Joe Hamilton (20.4) will again anchor the backcourt for North Texas State



Garfield Heard
Oklahoma



Charles Jurek
Nebraska



Aubrey Nash
Kansas



Bill Stallworth
Kansas



Marvin Stewart
Nebraska



Cyril Baptiste
Creighton

ROCKIES

BASKETBALL'S CHOICE:

NEW MEXICO STATE ARIZONA, WEBER STATE

BY FRANK O. HARAWAY

Denver Post



• Perhaps the best bet in the powerful Western Athletic Conference would be that Arizona won't win it. Not that the Wildcats won't be good. They may have their best team in history. But they'll probably go into the race a slight favorite and only once in the league's history has the pre-season favorite won the championship.

Actually, it might be better to say there is no favorite in the 1969-70 WAC race. Never have prospects been better for a wide-open race, especially with perennially strong University of Texas-El Paso and Colorado State University now eligible for the title, making it an eight-team league.

Utah, New Mexico and Brigham Young loom as the teams most likely to contest Arizona for the crown but Wyoming, which tied Brigham Young for the title last year in a race which nearly ended in a six-way deadlock, can't be counted out. Neither can UTEP. Only Colorado State and perhaps Arizona State appear to lack the horses for the long pull.

Best team in the area, however, probably won't come from the WAC. New Mexico State, 24-5 last year, returns all five regulars, has outstanding depth and should be a national contender for sure. Utah State is another potent independent.

Weber State rates a solid edge in the Big Sky Conference, with Gonzaga the top challenger.

The sheer size of the 15-team Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference makes it difficult to judge. Adams State looks best in the seven-team Mountain Division but can expect stiff opposition from Southern Utah State and Westminster, which took all the marbles last year. Washburn, a new member, gets the call in the Plains Division after going to the NAIA quarterfinals last year. Chief challengers will be Southern Colorado State and Kansas State College (Pittsburg).

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

ARIZONA: Four returning starters headed by 6-5 Mickey Foster (14.4 ppg) and excellent depth will make coach Bruce Larsen's crew a foremost title contender. Strong rebounding should come from 6-10 Eddie Myers (11.8 points, 10.3 rebounds), 6-8 Tom Lee (10.9 points, 9.6 rebounds) and 6-4 Bill Warner (15.0 points), enabling the Wildcats to move out more quickly on their fast break. Little 5-9 Walt McKinney (7.2 as a reserve) gets the break in motion. Most of the depth is provided by newcomers, including top soph 6-3 football player Charles McKee.

UTAH: The top four scorers and three of the four leading rebounders will roam the

Wyoming's Carl Ashley, blocking against New Mexico, is a returnee.



Ed Kemp
Adams State



Ron Becker
New Mexico



Seaborn Hill
Arizona State



Paul Ruffner
Brigham Young



John Somogyi
New Mexico



Nate Archibald
UTEP



Bill Warner
Arizona



Carl Ashley
Wyoming

hardwood in Utah's sporty new 15,000-seat arena, which undoubtedly will provide added incentive. Coach Jack Gardner's gigantic rebuilding program is behind him and he can now enjoy the fruits of the play of men like 6-3 Mike Newlin (21.2), 6-5 Ken Gardner, 6-10 Jim Mahler juniors—and 5-10 senior Bob Martin. Poorer than average frosh team contributed only two top prospects—6-8 Jim Anderson and 6-5 Dan Cowan.

NEW MEXICO: Coach Bob King's Lobos didn't live up to expectations last year but very well might come back from 4-6 WAC and 17-9 over-all season to be as good as anybody around. Starters 6-9 Greg Howard (19.7 points, 10.6 rebounds), defensive ace Ron Becker and mini-guard Petie Gibson return. Willie Long, 6-7 part-time starter, could be outstanding and 5-10 soph John Somogyi (39.0 ppg as frosh) has great potential. No. 6 player is 6-6 senior Dave Culver, who doubles at wing or high post.

BRIGHAM YOUNG: This perennial basketball power lost a pair of fine forwards, but returns 6-9 Paul Ruffner, 6-6 Scott Warner and guard Doug Howard, and picks up a great shooting soph in 6-2 Gary Radunich, 6-6 Phil Tollstrup and 6-1 George Wilson. Junior Jim Miller figures in the guard picture too. It would be a mistake to count out any coach Stan Watts team.

TEXAS-EL PASO: Coach Don Haskins

has four returning starters but still appears to need size to go with the speed. Top players are swift Nate Archibald (22.4 points), underrated Mike Switzer (17.6 points) and soph Scott English (17.3 points). Speed will give all opponents a rough time and if the young height comes through, it could be a good season, otherwise a long one. Other returning regulars are Drew White and Pless Vann.

WYOMING: Five of nine lettermen return from co-championship team that went 19-9 over-all. Harry Hall will be hard to replace but top players 6-6 Carl Ashley (21.0 points) and 6-4 Stan Dodds are back along with 6-6 senior Steve Popovich, whose leg surgery should enable him to return to sophomore efficiency. Team needs really good big man, is hopeful of help here from 6-7 transfer Mike Bannister and 6-8 soph Jim Gabel. Regulars graduated but guard depth is good with juniors 6-3 Brad Smith, and 5-10 Roy Wilson and sophs 5-10 Ricky Bell and 6-3 Ted Roney.

ARIZONA STATE: The experience is there and so is the potential—plus the leadership of 6-2 guard Seaborn Hill (20.2 points), which could indicate a dark-horse role for Syn Devils. Returning starters include key inside men 6-7 Ron Johnson, 6-6 Tom Douthitt and 6-6 Gerhard Schreier. Also back is 6-0 Jay Arnot, injured in mid-season. Top sophs are 6-6 rebounder Mike Hopwood and 6-8 Dave Hullman, a fine outside shooter, but 6-7

Phil Dannaker and 6-4 Jim Owens could help.

COLORADO STATE U: After many fine seasons, coach Jim Williams finds his stock down for his first year in the WAC. All of last year's stars are gone but there are seven lettermen and 6-7 strongman Martin Hess is back after missing last year with stomach ailment. Front-line help also should come from 6-6 Archie Weems, 6-9 Jim Steckham and 6-6 soph rebound bully, Travis Lackey. George Price, 6-2 soph guard, is fine outside bomber. Doug Peden, 5-10, will provide leadership. Other lettermen are 6-4 Jeff Ash, 6-1 Bob Caton, and 6-4 Tom Meeker.

BIG SKY CONFERENCE

WEBER STATE: Three starters were lost off team that went 27-3 last year, but 6-8 Willie Sojourner (18.8 points, 13.0 rebounds) is back and that's enough to make Wildcat supporters drool and opponents cringe. With him is returning starter Sessions Harlan (13.4 points). Coach Phil Johnson, in second year, will bring up top soph prospect in 6-5 Jon Knoble, plus 6-8 Herman Plum and 5-9 Jim Sivilich. Other lettermen are 6-2 Richard Nielsen and 6-6 Dave Sackolwitz.

GONZAGA: Experience embodied in five returning starters should enable team

continued



Willie Sojourner (35) should provide Weber State with another winning season.

ROCKIES

(cont. p. 1)

to challenge Weber State for crown. Best players are 6-8 Bill Quigg, 6-8 Blaine Bundy, 6-1 Tom Hunt and 6-3 soph Chris Nickola. From a green sophomore season last year, juniors now are looking for a top spot in the conference. Speed is only fair

IDAHO STATE: After an 8-18 building year, the Bengals should be in the middle of the pack this season led by standout 5-11 O'Neill Simmons (17.8 points) and 6-5 Mike Gurnell. Help is expected from 6-4 Samoan Tony Ioane (15.7 points), who never heard of basketball until 1962. Coach Dan Miller looks to Juco transfers to solve height deficiency.

MONTANA: Team has long way to go from 4-11 cellar finish (9-17 overall) but there is better size, speed and depth than

in any Grizzly team in history so the trend undoubtedly is upward. Top player is guard Harold Ross, third leading single season scorer in school's history and league leader in assists. Others counted on are guard Don Wetzel, and front men John Harrell, Ray Howard, Earl Tye, Willie Bascus and Henry Saunders.

MONTANA STATE: The Bobcats lost their coach and best players and may be hurting. All regulars are gone but No. 4 scorer, 6-4 Don Luce (11.1 points). Team will count on him plus 6-7 Dean Kratovil, 6-3 Jim Petek and outstanding soph, 5-10 Perry Quinn.

IDAHO: Juco transfers will decide Vandals' fate after loss of six seniors, four of them starters. Returning veterans include highly talented 6-7 Adrian Prince and 6-6 Steve Brown. Also counted on are 6-7 John Nelson, Marv Williams, Bob Ross, Ron Pollock, Dennis Haddan and Adrian

Wegner, each shooting for first team.

INDEPENDENTS

NEW MEXICO STATE: With two potential All-Americans in 6-9 Sam Lacey (19.3 points, 15.0 rebounds) and 6-2 Jimmy Collins (15.8 points), plus returning regulars 6-8 Jeff Smith, 5-8 quarterback Charley Criss and John Burgess and greater depth, no wonder coach Lou Henson thinks the Amazin' Aggies will have their best team in history. They should be the class of the Rockies. This season's seniors can point to 47-11 career record. Add such sophs from 18-0 frosh team as Milton Horne (22.0 points), 6-5 F. Roy Neal (20.3 points), 6-8½ Lonnie Lefevre (16.5 rebounds) to go along with returning letterman reserves Chito Reyes, Hardy Murphy, Walt Tague and Rudy Franco and it's easy to see why Aggies can't wait for season to start.

UTAH STATE: Marv Roberts, 6-8 center who averaged 27.6 points and 12.5 rebounds, will get help from soph sensations 6-4 Nate Williams (21.4 points, 15.9 rebounds), and 6-9 Walt Bees, which should make coach LeDell Andersen's team a real toughie. Tim Tollestrup, Paul Jeppesen, Ed Epps and John Erickson are returning starters. Outstanding frosh team is sending up 5-11 Jeff Tebbs, 6-2 Terry Wakefield and 6-4 Ron Hatch in addition to Williams and Bees.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO: Last year's NAIA champs return starters 6-1 Jerry Hyder, 6-6 Greg Hyder, 6-3 Jim Guyman and 5-10 Larry Van Zant and have added transfer 6-6 Ken Nord. Promising newcomers are 6-4 transfer Jim James, 6-2 transfer Gary Geonnoni, and soph 6-4 Gary Drieglo. Coach Harry Miller, whose teams were 24-7 and 22-4 the last two years, says added experience points to another big year "if team doesn't get the fathead."

DENVER: There's no direction for coach Stan Albeck, a winner all of his life until last year, to look except up after a horrendous 2-24 season in his Denver debut. Most of last year's team is back, which isn't saying much, but 5-10 Horace Kearney (18.0 points) is a good scorer. Juco transfers 6-6 Willie Cherry and 6-7 Van Bye will be counted on heavily along with sophs 6-7 Gary Sackek, 6-9 Dick Sharpiron, 6-3 Jim Wishmier, 6-2 Bob Moss and 6-1 Bill Jones.

AIR FORCE: The rate of youngster development will decide the Falcons' fate. The team disappointed with 11-13 last year even with 6-10 Cliff Parsons. Regular guards Mark Bean and Bert Spear, son of coach Bob Spear, return along with reserves 6-4 Jim Cooper, 6-6 Ron Weilert, 5-8 Mike Kelley, 6-4 Gregg Popovich and 5-8 Charlie Brown. Promising soph group

includes 4-4 Dave Kaspaska, 6-8 Dan Pflueger, 6-4 Truman Hall, and 6-3 Jim McCloskey. JV squad contributes 6-4 forwards Bill Purcell and Koe Kreimberg and 6-5 Joe Burke.

NORTHERN ARIZONA: Team lost five seniors but has seven returnees from 16-9 squad plus four promising sophoms including high-scoring 6-1 Walt Mannon. Transfers 6-9 Mike Williams and 6-5 Art McCaskill should bolster top returnee 6-4 Don Rather and newcomer 6-1 Ike Bonds.

COLORADO COLLEGE: Three returning starters and three lettered reserves lend hope for improvement on last year's dismal 3-21 mark. Help is needed at forward position to improve rebounding. Top scorer Gary Bell (19.4 points), Joe Rillos (11.1 points) and Mike Smith (13.9 points) will carry the team's hopes

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Mountain Division

ADAMS STATE: A huge recruiting program is starting to pay off for coach Loren Lutz and this should be the year of fruition. Versatile 6-7 Ed Kemp is one of the area's top 10 players. Other good hands are 7-1 Jim Gilbert and smooth, hot-shooting guard Ken May, who averaged 20 points. Deep experience should enable team to better last year's 11-3 in conference and 16-10 overall.

SOUTHERN UTAH STATE: Improved height to go with returning regulars 6-6 Gill Mullen, 6-5 Carl Banks and 5-9 Skip Mead should enable team to challenge Adams State. Other players to watch are transfers 6-7 Wayne Abraham, 6-5 Richard Baldwin, 6-5 Scott Gilmore, 6-4 Roger Gornechee, and 6-8 Fred Esplin. Team was 10-4 and 16-9 last year.

WESTMINSTER: Gone are four starters from last year championship 22-5 team, including fabulous Ken Hall (33.5 points). Coach Tom Steinke expects to build contender from newcomers 6-8 Alex Churchich, 5-9 Charles Kelly, 5-11 Roger Cheatum and holdovers 5-10 Chuck Tebbs and 6-5 Butch Clark.

REGIS: Seven lettermen return from 10-15 season including 6-1 Bruce Powdrell (15.0 points), 6-3 Paul Bergman and 6-6 Mike O'Donnell who should be the top players. Other top hands are sophs John Kafka and 6-6 Paul Drinkhahn, who could become the team's top player.

COLORADO MINES: Outlook is average. Load will be carried by 6-4 Jay Godley (22.4 points), 6-0 Tom Applegate (15.6 points) and 6-5 Doug Temple. Team averaged 90.4 points but lacked defense in 10-14 season. Good big man and experienced guards needed

FORT LEWIS: Starters 5-6 Max Proctor (a plus-400 scorer), 6-3 defensive ace Kent Nelson and 6-2 Don Flanagan return. Mike Young, 6-5, is outstanding soph. Coach Don Whalen badly needs size and rebounding strength but will field competitive team.

WESTERN STATE: If graduated big men can be replaced, team should better last season's 9-16 mark. Guards 6-2 Burr Adams and 6-0 Eric Bryant, both veterans, and newcomers Darrell Murphy (6-0) and Stanley Morrow (6-9) look good. So do Keith Rausch and Leonard Bryant.

WESTERN NEW MEXICO: Coach Jim Smith is happy over recruiting success and progress of four freshman starters from last year. Jay Olive, 6-2, is top player. Good sophs are 5-11 Lawrence Johnson, 6-2 Jim Fanta, and 6-3 Pete Shock. Lots of room to improve on 3-19 record.

(Plaine Division)

WASHBURN: League's newest member could win its division on first try despite return of only one regular, 6-1 John Johnson. Four regulars and No. 6 man are gone but replacements are bigger and coach Glenn Cafer looks for good team built around 6-9 Lloyd Thornburg, 6-8 Jim Hoffman, 6-4 Tom Frazier, and 6-8 Bill Wogler. Experience lack will be biggest problem.

KANSAS STATE (Pittsburg): Experienced team features 5-10 Johnny Battles, 6-5 Mike Jones, 6-4 Bill Fenerborn, 6-4 Ernie Lewis and 6-3 Jim Rhea, plus sophomores 6-0 Randy Smith and 6-6 Doug Baker. Should make good run for the title.

SOUTHERN COLORADO STATE: Four starters departed but the soph-

omores are good and coach Harry Simmons should have another contender if 6-7 Dan England and 6-9 Gary Dunning can solve big-man problem. Sophs are 6-2 Bill Bekeza (15.3 points), 6-5 Steve Kidd, 6-1 Ed Velasquez and England, Bekeza and 6-1 junior Jim Reilly are top players.

COLORADO STATE COLLEGE:

Should improve on 11-13 record with more experience but height is still a question mark. Key men are hot-shooting Jerry Green (61 percent accuracy), Herb Koehler and No. 2 scorer Don Stone. Upcoming sophs will provide depth and could make team a contender

KANSAS STATE TEACHERS

(Emporia): Entire front line graduated and team again figures to be smallest in league as well. Experienced guards 5-10 Ron Davis, 6-1 Dennis Robbins, 6-1 Randy Waters and Willie Sullivan will carry the load. Most promising new men are 6-6 Greg Claes, 6-5 Steve Stien, 6-5 Jim Williams, 6-3 Mike Nulty and 6-1 Steve Blocker.

NEBRASKA (Omaha): New coach Bob Hanson may have dark horse as he tried to improve on 3-7, 7-16 record. All 11 squadmen return, headed by 6-3 John Mackey (16.0 points), 6-1 Lenard Todd (14.3 points), and 6-4 Arthur Allen (15.6 points). Best sophs are 6-3 Paul Sieczkowski and 6-5 David Allen.

FORTHAYS STATE:

Rebuilding year. Returning starters are 6-8 Martyn Howgill and 6-6 rebounder Frank Dowdell. Soph guard Steve Spratt is important in plans. Not much chance to improve on 9-13 season which included many close defeats.



Don Luce
Montana State



Mike Hopwood
Arizona State



O'Neill Simmons
Idaho State



Mike Williams
Northern Arizona



Doug Howard
Brigham Young



Jon Noble
Weber State



Doug Temple
Colorado Mines



Terry Quinn
Montana State

NBA ROUNDUP

BY SANDY PADWE

Philadelphia Inquirer

● Exit Bill Russell and the Boston Celtics. Enter Lew Alcindor and the Milwaukee Bucks.

With Russell retired, the world champion Celtics are going to have a difficult time making the playoffs. It is possible they may be shut out and the Bucks—with Alcindor—may move in behind New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Russell's retirement changes a lot of things in the National Basketball Association. First, it makes the New York Knickerbockers the favorite to succeed Boston as world champions. Second, it focuses much more attention on the 7-1 Alcindor, the three-time All-American from UCLA and the game's new superstar.

Russell's departure—unless he changes his mind—will make the league more balanced with any one of six teams—the Knicks, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlanta, San Francisco and Los Angeles—having a chance for the championship.

Nearly every team has improved itself over the past season. Most notably, of course, is Milwaukee which obtained Alcindor in the draft.

And the Phoenix Suns, the team with the lowest won-lost record a year ago, added forward Connie Hawkins, the former scoring champion and Most Valuable Player in the American Basketball Association. Phoenix and Milwaukee, second-year teams, are no longer automatic "pushovers."

Before Russell's retirement, the NBA's Eastern Division was in for one of its closest races. Nothing should change. Instead of the Celtics securing a playoff spot almost automatically, they'll really have to battle to keep Cincinnati, Detroit and the Bucks from landing the fourth position.

The Western Division race should be equally tight with defending champion Los Angeles, Atlanta and San Francisco fighting for top spot and San Diego, Seattle, Phoenix and Chicago shooting for the last playoff berth.

The long-range prediction is for a New York-San Francisco final with the Knicks winning the title.

EAST

NEW YORK

The Knicks almost made it to the top last season. Injuries to Cazzie Russell and Phil Jackson hurt during the playoffs.

But they should be healed completely by

EAST

**New York Knickerbockers
Baltimore Bullets
Philadelphia 76ers
Milwaukee Bucks
Detroit Pistons
Boston Celtics
Cincinnati Royals**

WEST

**Atlanta Hawks
Los Angeles Lakers
San Francisco Warriors
Seattle SuperSonics
San Diego Rockets
Phoenix Suns
Chicago Bulls**

the start of the season—Russell from a broken ankle, Jackson from a back injury. That spells more depth for the Knicks.

The Knicks and Celtics were the best defensive teams in the league last year, and there is no reason why the Knicks should not be even stronger in this department with Jackson around for the whole year. He is an excellent defensive forward.

The Knicks probably will operate with their leading scorer and rebounder Willis Reed (21.1) at center, durable Dave DeBusschere (16.3) and Russell (18.3) at forward and Walt Frazier (17.5) and Dick Barnett (17.6) at guard.

Frazier is developing into one of the game's superstars. He has few weaknesses and can contribute one of the best-rounded games in basketball. Barnett is one of the game's best shooters. DeBusschere contributed greatly to New York's success last year. His board play and defense fitted perfectly in the Knick style. It has all been said about Reed: he is the team's most valuable player.

Bill Bradley gives Red Holzman an excellent swingman. Last year he did a fine job at forward when Russell was hurt, averaging 12.4 for the year. Some feel guard is his best spot. Dave Stallworth, a 6-7 forward, is back for another shot after recovering from a heart attack.

The Knicks got some fine spot play from their younger players last season: Don May, Nate Bowman, Bill Hosket and Mike Riordan. Their experience will help this year.

Top rookie is John Warren, a guard, from St. John's. It could be a frustrating season for him. The Knicks have plenty of talent.

BALTIMORE

Everyone kept waiting for the Bullets to

fold last year, and they finally did—in the playoffs, dropping four straight to the Knicks.

Was their jump from last in 1967-68 to first place a fluke? The answer is no. They did too many things right during the regular season to cast doubt on their talents as a team.

Westley Unseld proved he was one of the game's best players by giving the Bullets the strength they lacked on the boards. His performance, 18.2 rebounds per game, earned him the league's Most Valuable Player award. His scoring average was 13.8.

Baltimore's high scorers were Earl Monroe (25.8) and Kevin Loughery (22.6), the backcourt men. Loughery competed in the playoffs, but injuries hampered his performance, and, subsequently, the performance of the Bullets.

With Gus Johnson (17.9), Jack Marin (15.9) and Ray Scott (11.8), the Bullets have a solid frontcourt. The only problem is keeping Johnson in uniform for the whole season. He is very injury prone and missed 33 games last season with a bad knee.

The Bullets have good depth with Leroy Ellis at center and Ed Manning at forward. But they could use some help in the backcourt and hope that first round draft choice Mike Davis of Virginia Union, a 6-3 guard, will provide it.

With Unseld clearing the boards and getting the fast break moving, the Bullets finally learned the value of playing as a unit, one of their problems in previous years.

PHILADELPHIA

The "miracle" team of the regu-

continued



Knicks' Willis Reed says it's my ball, you can't have it as Atlanta's Bill Bridges reaches and Zelmo Beaty tries from behind



New York's Phil Jackson loses his head, but he keeps a grip on the situation — or at least on Cincinnati's Jerry Lucas



Jerry West set playoff scoring records and was named MVP, though his Los Angeles Lakers lost

NBA ROUNDUP

continued

lar-season. Nobody expected them to challenge for first place when Wilt Chamberlain went to Los Angeles in an off-season trade for Darrall Imhoff and Archie Clark.

And then when Wilt's replacement, 6-9 Luke Jackson, ruptured his achilles tendon in a game with Phoenix in December, the undertakers had the hammer and nails out again.

They forgot how fine a professional Darrall Imhoff (9.2) is. Under rookie coach Jack Ramsay, the 76ers treated their fans to the soundest, most fundamental basketball in the professional game. Imhoff operated in the post a la John Kerr of the old Syracuse Nationals.

The 76ers finished two games behind Baltimore. They tied the Western Division winners, Los Angeles, for the second best won-lost percentage, 55-27.

Then in the playoffs, they lost their "game" and the series to Boston, 4-1. It was a sad ending to a fine season.

Much of the 1969-70 campaign depends on Jackson's physical condition. The doctors say they can't make a prediction until they see him play on the leg. If he is all right, Jackson may move back to forward, where he starred when Chamberlain was the center.

Billy Cunningham became the team's leading scorer—and third high in the league—with a 24.8 average from his forward spot. He also was the team's leading rebounder with 1050. Only 6-6, he is one of the greatest athletes in the game.

Hal Greer, who slumped in the playoffs, had enjoyed his best season of a distinguished career until then. He averaged 23.1 points per game, but his passing and defense were excellent, too.

Neither Chet Walker (18.0) nor Wally Jones (13.2) are sure of their starting jobs. Jackson may replace Walker and Archie Clark (13.5) will press Jones.

Depth is not one of Philadelphia's problems. With Jackson at full strength, he can be used at center, too. The 76ers also have George Wilson who backed up Imhoff last year.

John Green, Matt Guokas and Shaler Halimon all had their moments last season. Bud Ogden from Santa Clara is the No. 1 rookie and Willie Taylor, a 6-8 "sleeper" from LeMoyné College, is the No. 2 choice.

MILWAUKEE

Elvin Hayes put San Diego in the playoffs last year. Lew Alcindor may do the same for Milwaukee.

The Bucks have as much talent as San Diego did the season before. And Alcindor is bound to be one of the game's greats for many years.

He signed a contract for an estimated \$1.4 million after leading UCLA to a third straight national collegiate title last March.

continued



Lew Alcindor could make Milwaukee a playoff contender in his rookie year

Surinbach with a penknife.

BOSTON

Larry Costello, who played on teams with both John Kerr and Wilt Chamberlain, is the Milwaukee coach and Alcindor should benefit from his knowledge of the pivot man's role in the pro game. As a collegian, Alcindor was an excellent team man. That's the type Costello likes. They should be compatible.

Costello can surround Alcindor with some fine talent including the team's leading scorer last season, Flynn Robinson (20.2). John McGlockin (19.6) and old pro Guy Rodgers (10.3) also are available for backcourt duty.

The Bucks need help at forward. Don Smith, who came over from Cincinnati in a mid-year trade, is a rugged rebounder. But he is inexperienced. Len Chappell (14.6) is a journeyman, but is not an NBA starter. Greg Smith, who had a good rookie year, is only 6-5. He averaged 8.1.

In all the furor over the Alcindor signing, the Bucks' second-round draft choice, Bob Graecen of Rutgers, was ignored. He could help up front with his shooting ability. His durability is a question mark. The Bucks also drafted Ken Heintz, another Uclan.

DETROIT

Wilt Chamberlain gave Bill van Breda Kolff a lot of problems in Los Angeles. In fact, there were so many problems that van Breda Kolff couldn't wait to leave.

So where does he show up? In Detroit. The Pistons aren't the easiest team in the league to coach. Donnis Butcher couldn't solve their internal problems; neither could Paul Seymour. Van Breda Kolff will have to. If he does, the Pistons could be a great surprise. It is a talented team.

Dave Bing is one of the game's best guards, having averaged 23.4 points per game last season. Someone is going to reach Walt Bellamy some day and he is going to have the season he has promised for so many years. He averaged 17.4 last year after his trade from New York.

Happy Hairston, who does not always smile, averaged 18.1 a year ago at forward and Eddie Miles 13.3 at guard. Howard Komives (11.4) and Jim Walker (11.7) give the Pistons excellent depth in the backcourt. Walker is moody, however, and Komives is a streak shooter.

There is depth at the other positions, too. Terry Dischinger (8.8) had an off-season last year, but is a proven NBA forward. McCoy McLemore (9.0) may be ready to have his finest season. Dave Gambee is a good insurance man. Otto Moore (7.7) is Bellamy's backup.

Terry Driscoll, 6-8 from Boston College, is the top rookie. Willie Norwood of Alcorn A&M is the No. 2 choice.

Van Breda Kolff deserves the Congressional Medal of Honor. From Los Angeles to Detroit. That's like storming Mt.

With player-coach Bill Russell having retired at the end of July, the Celtics found themselves not only in shock but in deep trouble.

Russell was the greatest defensive center in the history of professional basketball, a man whose presence completely changed the strategy of each game in which he appeared.

The most critical need now is for a sturdy center. It is possible the team could lure Wayne Embry from retirement, but Embry is no youngster and can't be expected to go more than 20 to 24 minutes per game even if he does play.

There is still plenty of talent remaining without Russell, but he was the force which held the Celtics together.

The Celtics must replace another superstar, Sam Jones, who retired at the end of last season to take a college coaching job.

Boston considers backcourtman Jo Jo White its best draft choice since John Havlicek in 1962. He'll have to be that good. A hitch in the marine reserves may delay his reporting before December.

With Russell gone, Bailey Howell (19.7), Tom Sanders (11.2) and Don Nelson (11.6) will have to do much more off the boards. Howell, however, is 32 and Sanders 31.

Havlicek (21.6) plays either forward or guard with ease and Larry Siegfried is expected to better his 14.2 mark of last season. Em Bryant (5.7) had a fine playoff series in the backcourt last spring and may earn a starting position.

Bench strength will have to come from Don Chaney and Mal Graham, guards, and Rich Johnson, a forward.

CINCINNATI

The first thing Bob Cousy did after being named coach of the Royals was to call Oscar Robertson and Jerry Lucas into a meeting. "I wanted to find out if there was any problem between the two," Cousy said.

There had been rumors of dissension all season. Robertson and Lucas, the rumor mill claimed, were not getting along. Cousy said the trouble is over. The Royals are a happy family again. The answer to that is wait and see.

The Royals squandered some great individual performances last season. Robertson was his usual self, scoring 24.7 points a game and leading the league in assists (9.8). Tom Van Arsdale added 19.4 as a guard and Lucas, at forward had 18.3 points and 18.4 rebounds per game. Connie Dierking, the center, enjoyed his best year with a 16.3 average and Fred Hetzel (11.9) and Al Tucker (10.8) also were in double figures at forward.

Still, the Royals missed the playoffs. It won't be any easier to make it this year.

The same talent is on hand along with guard Adrian Smith (9.6) and backup center Walt Wesley (7.6).

The Royals picked up a 6-3 guard, Herman Gilliam of Purdue, in the first round of the draft.

Bob Cousy was a genius with the basketball. He'll have to be as good when it comes to handling the Royals.

WEST

ATLANTA

Zelmo Beaty missed 10 games last season and that didn't help the Hawks in the standings. He is the most underrated center in the game, seldom receiving the publicity which goes to Wes Unseld, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell and Nate Thurmond.

The Hawks have strengthened themselves for the coming year, obtaining a solid prospect in the first round of the draft in Butch Beard, the guard from Louisville.

Guard was the Hawks' most vulnerable spot. Walt Hazzard (11.2), Joe Caldwell (15.8) were the starters with Don Ohl (12.1) a backup man. Ohl, however, has been around a long time and is best used for spot duty, not for sustained play.

Beaty (21.5) anchors the front court with Lou Hudson (21.9) and Bill Bridges (11.8 points and 14.2 rebounds per game).

The Hawks made an off-season trade which brings Gary Gregor to Atlanta from Phoenix where he averaged a solid 11.1 points per game and was the team's number two rebounder. He's a forward. The Hawks gave up Paul Silas, a good rebounder.

Jim Davis (8.8) adds front court depth and rookie Wally Anderzunas, 6-8 from Creighton, is expected to stick, too. The Hawks seem to be one player away from a championship and perhaps they have that player in Beard, who was outstanding at Louisville.

This is a solid, though not spectacular team, guided by Richie Guerin, a tough, dedicated coach, who is rapidly getting a reputation as the Vince Lombardi of basketball.

LOS ANGELES

Jack Kent Cooke tried to buy the championship, but it didn't work. It slipped by with Wilt Chamberlain sitting on the bench during the last five minutes against the Celtics.

Someone may unlock the mystery of Wilt Chamberlain's psyche. Cooke hopes it happens before Wilt retires.

When Wilt decides to play, he still is the most devastating offensive player in the game. But teaming three superstars, as Cooke learned, is not the key to success in pro ball.

Elgin Baylor led the Lakers in scoring
continued



Baltimore's Earl Monroe was second in the league in scoring with 25.8 points a game



Boston's John Havlicek averaged 21.6 points as he demonstrated anew his super all-around play

NBA ROUNDUP

continued

last year (24.8) and Jerry West was the most valuable player in the playoffs, but still Los Angeles couldn't win. When the season ended Bill van Breda Kolff resigned as coach, forward Tom Hawkins retired and Bill Russell, for the first time, publicly blasted Chamberlain's performance in the final playoff game.

Can the Lakers rebound from the playoff loss? The question is whether they really want to. It is still a team with backcourt problems, though Willie McCarter, the

first round draft pick from Drake, may help solve it.

Johnny Egan (8.4), though game and willing, is a journeyman at best. The Lakers need someone to move the team. Bill Hewitt (7.7) has a promising future as a forward and Keith Erickson (8.4) still has many years left. Mel Counts (12.4) is a great shooter. Rick Roberson, a 6-9 forward, is the Lakers No. 2 draft choice out of the University of Cincinnati.

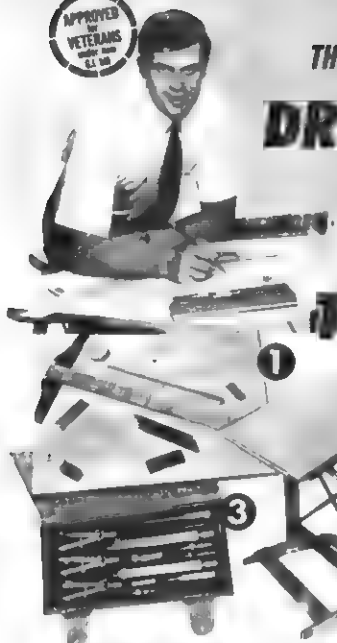
McCarter will have to make it big. The Lakers need backcourt help badly. Fred Crawford, obviously, isn't the answer. Neither is Wilt.

Bill van Breda Kolff moved on to Detroit after failing to coach the "super" team to the title. He couldn't handle Wilt Chamberlain. Maybe the Lakers' new coach, Joe Mullaney, can. If so, he will be the first man since Frank McGuire to accomplish one of basketball's greatest feats.

SAN FRANCISCO

One of these years, the Warriors are going to stay healthy for a whole season. And coach George Lee won't believe it.

Things are getting better, however. Nate Thurmond missed only 11 games

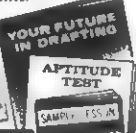


THESE 3 BIG DRAFTING KITS* GIVEN TO YOU!

Earns \$820 Month!
"My first position after completing your course jumped my income from \$350 to \$820 per month!" — G. W., Texan.

Big Promotion!
I was promoted from the production line ahead of 4 others and got a good pay raise. — W. A., Wisc.

ALL 4 FREE!
Rush Coupon today!



* Precision Drawing Instrument Set, Professional Drafting Board Outfit & Fingertip Tilting Drafting Table are given to you with your complete North American Course in Drafting.

Coast-to-Coast Shortage of Trained Draftsmen Opens Thousands Big Salary Jobs for Beginners!
Now you can take your pick of thousands of big salary jobs open to Draftsmen (see "help wanted" sections of metropolitan newspapers). Huge nationwide demand... U.S. Dept. of Labor reports "42% more Draftsmen needed in next 10 years—not enough applicants to fill drafting jobs available now!" Our easy "Quick-Learn" Method has helped hundreds toward good income, security and prestige as Draftsmen. Why not you? **YOU NEED NO DRAWING SKILL... NO TECHNICAL ABILITY**
NASD's staff of Professional Draftsmen guide you step-by-step. With our spare time home-study plan you work on actual projects. Makes learning fun—easy to remember, too. Many graduates have succeeded with only grade school training. Others report good earnings drafting part time while still learning!

...when you train at home with NASD for a

HIGH PAY JOB IN DRAFTING!

RUSH COUPON FOR FREE KIT...

Mail coupon today for FREE "DRAFTING CAREER KIT." Sample Lesson, Drafting Aptitude Test including intriguing new 5-Way Drafting Instrument & 20 page Book "Your Future in Drafting" — jam packed with revealing facts on your opportunities to win top pay and job security in Drafting. No salesman will call. Everything sent FREE and WITHOUT OBLIGATION. Write today!

North American School of Drafting, Dept. 3360
4500 Campus Dr., University Plaza, Newport, Calif. 92660
Rush "DRAFTING CAREER KIT", including Book, Sample Lesson, Aptitude Test & Drafting Instrument — ALL FREE! No salesman will call. G.I. Approved

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

A home study program in cooperation with Cleveland Engineering Inst.

last year with assorted injuries. Jim King, the steady guard, missed half the year and Al Attles, the team's defensive stalwart, missed 31 games.

Somehow, the Warriors finished third and gave Los Angeles some problems in the playoffs until Jeff Mullins injured his knee. They could finish anywhere from third to first this season depending on their physical condition.

Mullins has developed into a solid scorer and led the team in that department last season with a 22.8 average at guard. Thurmond was next in scoring with a 21.7 mark and led in rebounding with 19.7.

Forward Rudy LaRusso doesn't have too many years left, despite his youthful 20.7 mark last season. He still hustles like a rookie.

Joe Ellis (12.0) and Clyde Lee (10.7) are developing into capable professionals. Ellis at forward and Lee as Thurmond's much-used backup man.

Ron Williams, a guard, and Bill Turner, a forward, had 7.8 averages last season and showed promise.

King and Attles will have to be healthy and the two top rookies, 6-5 Bob Portman from Creighton and 6-7 Ed Siudut from Holy Cross, will have to add bench strength if the Warriors hope to make a serious run for the championship.

SEATTLE

A longshot for the playoffs, but a team with a determined attitude. Tom Meschery, the 9-year forward, had planned to retire then decided against because he wanted to go out on a playoff team. He typifies the spirit of the team with its new player-coach, Len Wilkens.

The Sonics have two fine scorers in Bob Rule (24.0) at center and Wilkens at guard (22.4). But Rule must become more aggressive and effective under the boards.

Meschery (14.0) is a hustler and the team's second leading rebounder. John Tresvant, an addition from Cincinnati, scored 12.5 per game. He helps under the boards.

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise last year was the play of rookie guard Art Harris from Stanford, who averaged 12.4 points per game. Equally disappointing, however, was the play of Bob Kauffman, the top rookie last season, who averaged 7.8 points per game and didn't do the job under the boards.

Having guard Rod Thorn (injuries) and center-forward Irwin Mueller (trade) around all year should give the Sonics more depth.

The team had a fairly good draft, selecting UCLA guard Lucius Allen on the first round and Southern Cal center Ron Tay-

lor on the second round. Taylor is 7-1. Southern Cal, you will remember, was the only team to beat UCLA last season.

SAN DIEGO

The Rockets were the most hapless team in the NBA two years ago. Last season, they made the playoffs. Elvin Hayes made that much difference.

The rookie from the University of Houston adjusted easily to the professional game and wound up leading the league in scoring with 3,327 points and a 28.4 average.

But Hayes had help in making the Rockets a success. Don Kojis, who has developed into one of the game's steadiest players, averaged 22.5 points a game and his co-forward John Block averaged 15.3. Jim Barnett, one of the starting guards, averaged 14.6.

The Rockets may have drafted a running mate for Barnett. He is Bernie Williams, a second-round choice from LaSalle. A fine shooter, Williams is 6-5 and needs only to improve his defensive game to make it as a professional.

If he doesn't fulfill his potential, Pat Riley (8.8), Stu Lantz (7.8), Hambone Williams (7.1) and Rick Adelman (6.3) are still available.

Toby Kimball, a rugged rebounder, helps the Rockets up front, but is not continued



Wilt Chamberlain will try again to win a championship in Los Angeles

NBA ROUNDUP

continued

much of a scorer (7.8). The Rockets' first round draft choice is Bobby Smith, a 6-5 forward from Tulsa University.

The Rockets are a solid ballclub now and they even are beginning to form something of a bench. They'll be battling for a playoff spot again this season.

PHOENIX

The Suns have added Connie Hawkins

and that is enough to make the NBA's worst team last year an immediate contender for a playoff spot in 1969-70. Hawkins, who after eight long years proved his innocence of involvement in the last basketball scandal, played in the American Basketball League and the American Basketball Association and with the Globetrotters during his exile.

He was the leading scorer and Most Valuable Player in both professional

leagues and learned from the Globetrotters to handle the ball like a guard. Hawkins, 6-8, is a natural forward and will be one of the league's prime attractions.

With the addition of Hawkins, the Suns must be regarded as one of the most improved teams in the league. The team signed its top draft choice, Neal Walk, a 6-9 center from the University of Florida. There is some skepticism, however, whether he is worth the \$500,000 he reportedly received for signing.

Jim Fox will be on hand to battle Walk for a starting position. Fox came to the Suns in a trade with the Detroit Pistons. He wound up averaging 13.8 for Phoenix and playing some good basketball.

The Suns do have a couple of good scorers in guard Gail Goodrich (23.8) and Dick Van Arsdale (21.8), a swingman. After those two, the scoring output falls off considerably with guards Dick Snyder, Stan McKenzie and Bob Warlick finishing the season with averages of 12.1, 9.3 and 7.8, respectively.

The Suns made a good deal in obtaining Paul Silas, an excellent rebounder and an 8.7 scorer, from Atlanta for Gary Gregor. Silas and Hawkins could make a good front court combination.

CHICAGO

The Bulls lost their first two draft choices—Larry Cannon and Simmie Hill—to the American Basketball Association and that is bound to hurt because this is one team which can not afford to stand still while the other expansion teams like Seattle and San Diego are improving.

John Baum, a 6-5 rookie forward from Temple University, may help, but the Bulls need a lot more.

They have two steady performers in Bob Boozer, the forward who averaged 21.7 points per game last season, and Jerry Sloan, the guard, who gives the team both scoring (16.8) and defense.

Dick Motta's club also has two rapidly improving players in guard Clem Haskins (17.2) and forward Jim Washington (14.0), the team's second leading rebounder.

Tom Boerwinkle is big and tough at center, but he must improve his rebounding (11 per game) and scoring (9.8) to really help the Bulls. Dave Newmark, his backup, a rookie like Boerwinkle last season, averaged 5.6 points a game.

There isn't much depth. Barry Clemens is about the best of the second-liners, having averaged 7.4 as a forward. Bob Weiss averaged 6.6 as a guard and Bob Love 5.9 as a forward.

The Bulls have a shot at the playoffs, but how strong a shot depends on the continued improvement of Washington and Haskins and the help Baum can provide as a rookie.

Another question concerning the Bulls is how much longer can the team survive without giving the city a winner?

THE GREATEST NAME IN BASKETBALL INFORMATION

NATION-WIDE BASKETBALL

RESPECTED FROM COAST-TO-COAST AS AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT BASKETBALL WEEKLY!

NATION-WIDE BASKETBALL . . . Service No. 1

- ★ Indispensable game-by-game scores of all the leading college teams each week. The MOST COMPLETE and ACCURATE BASKETBALL LOG published in America today!
- ★ The nationally-respected HOOP RATINGS . . . the most precise point-rating system ever devised . . . more than 130 major college teams rated with individual home court allowances. MORE WINNERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED THRU USE OF THESE RATINGS THAN BY ANY OTHER METHOD KNOWN. These are the original HOOP RATINGS . . . often copied, but never duplicated for accuracy. ASK ANY BASKETBALL EXPERT.
- ★ NATION-WIDE'S KEY RELEASES and UPSET SPECIALS. From FOUR to SIX POINT-WISE WINNERS featured weekly in this much sought-after and respected forecast. (Top-flight 'inside' sources have made NW-BB the undisputed leader eleven years running.)
- ★ MORT OLSHAN'S nationally-syndicated BASKETBALL PROPHECY . . . probable scores of all of Saturday's leading games with point differences predicted and reasons supporting every forecast.
- ★ NATION-WIDE'S DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST of all the important games played, Monday through Friday.

. . . and NW-BB's SPECIAL PREMIUM SERVICE

CONFIDENTIAL TIP-OFF . . . Service No. 2

The CONFIDENTIAL TIP-OFF . . . the LAST WORD . . . TEN TOP LATE RELEASES, mailed each week, spotlighting ONE or TWO KEY GAMES each day, and at least THREE WINNING CHOICES for Saturday . . . based on the VERY LATEST INFORMATION to reach our office. The CONFIDENTIAL TIP-OFF is AIRMAILED, SPECIAL DELIVERY, so as to take advantage of ALL THE LATE INFORMATION with this EXCLUSIVE PREMIUM SERVICE.

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!!!

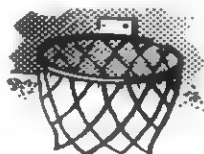
Please send me the Nation-Wide Basketball service indicated below. Enclosed is my subscription fee.

NATION-WIDE BASKETBALL

- 13 Information-packed issues — Full Season
☐ \$20.00 AIRMAIL ☐ \$25.00 AIR SPEC. DELVY
 CONFIDENTIAL TIP-OFF
☐ 5 Weeks \$25.00 ☐ Full 13 Weeks \$50.00

NATION-WIDE BASKETBALL
 8929 Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 100
 Los Angeles, California 90045
 (Area Code 213) 670-5711

 COMBINATION DISCOUNT
 — Both Services
 Air Special Delivery
☐ Full Season Only \$60.00



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINNING AND LOSING IS NOT LUCK. IT'S INFORMATION.

SUPER-KNICK

continued from page 17

this new world of fashion

The mustache . . . "they never allowed us to have one in school. I grew it before I reported to the Knicks. The first day I arrived, I had to shave it off for a team picture. So I grew it right back."

The sleep . . . "I don't know why I sleep so much," he sighs. "Maybe it's because I never did when I was a kid growing up."

Jackson, recuperating from surgery for a back ailment, and Frazier, are called the Knicks' "Odd Couple." Inseparable roomies, they are completely different in every respect.

"Beds make no difference to Clyde anymore," Jackson grinned. "He can sleep standing up."

Frazier has one problem, weight. He is undisciplined about his meals. He must have a snack before bedtime regardless of the hour the team hits a hotel on the road. Maybe 3 A.M. he hustles off to a hamburger joint and the next morning asks Jackson to bring back an alkali seltzer.

"I won't eat today," he'll announce . . . but he usually does, two meals plus the late snack. The cycle starts all over again.

And those clothes of his. The Knicks were scheduled for an afternoon game in Seattle. Frazier was on the team bus leaving the hotel. As usual, he was early. As the bus was about to leave, he yelled, jumped off, and the bus waited five minutes for him to return.

"The fine for being late is \$5," Holzman said.

"It's worth it," Frazier said, holding up a pair of alligator shoes he'd left in the hotel. "These cost \$100. I figure I just made \$95."

As meticulous as he is with his clothes, his ambitions, his planning, that's how meticulous he is in his precise playing on

the court

One night last season, the Knicks won their 20th straight home game. Clyde had a statistical line of 47 minutes, 24 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists. He also had eight steals, six of them converted into field goals. "Clyde," he was told, "they gave you the right name. You stole everything in sight."

One afternoon, the Knicks' bus was late. The team waited at the Baltimore airport impatiently. Finally Willis Reed said, "Clyde, go steal us a bus."

"Sorry," Frazier said. "I only steal small things."

That night he went out and set a team record of 17 assists. He also defied the laws of gravity as he unleashed two scoring plays in particular. In the first, as he displayed great body control, the mark of all the superstars, Frazier shifted the ball from right to left hand in midair, away from Earl Monroe's defensive tactics, and hit. Then he did the same against Wes Unseld, the league's MVP.

Reed merely climaxed the night by saying, "On our team, the ball really belongs to Frazier. He just lets us play with it once in awhile."

The Knicks swept the Eastern Division champion Bullets out of the playoffs and Baltimore coach, Gene Shue, said, "Frazier's amazing."

In the first five games of the Eastern Division final playoffs, the Knicks stayed close to the Boston Celtics as Frazier held Sam Jones to 23 field goals. In the sixth, with Frazier hurt, Sam hit 13. He took 31 of the Celtics' 96 shots against the ailing Knick.

Now, Sam too is gone, retired. The old moves on. The young takes over. It's not necessary to list all the individual accomplishments to support the belief in Frazier's coming greatness. But when they start talking about him on the same level of an Oscar Robertson, it's clear he has traveled a long road from the schoolyard in Atlanta.

ABA ROUNDUP

BY BOB FOWLER

St Paul Pioneer Press

(Editor's Note: As **FAST BREAK** went to press, it was reported that the Oakland team would be sold and would move to Washington, D.C.)

• Some didn't believe the American Basketball Association could last three months even with a three-point play and a red-white-and-blue basketball. Now, the league is starting its third season. It should be its best season, yoo.

ABA teams signed as many top draft choices in 1969 as they did in their preceding two years combined. True, Lew Alcindor signed with the National Basketball Association. So did Jo Jo White. And Connie Hawkins became the first ABA player to jump to the NBA when he left the Pipers for the Phoenix Suns. But the ABA signed six of its 11 first-round draft picks. Four signed with the NBA and one entered medical school.

Miami signed LaSalle's Larry Cannon for an estimated \$250,000 for three years. West Texas State forward Simmie Hill signed with Los Angeles. California center Bob Pressley with Denver. North Carolina forward Bill Bunting with the Carolina Cougars. Montana State center Jack Gillespie with Oakland and Vanderbilt guard Tom Hagan with Dallas.

In addition, the ABA has developed stars of its own. There's Jimmy Jones at New Orleans and Larry Jones at Denver. Indiana has Mel Daniels and Oakland's Warren Armstrong was the league's top rookie last season.

No longer can the ABA be called the RBL—the Rick Barry League.

It is a league that is still in a transition period. The league moved its headquarters from Minneapolis to New York City in an attempt to receive more national publicity and, perhaps, a national television contract. It lost a commissioner when George Mikan resigned rather than commute from Minnesota to New York. The league's four-man executive committee will set policy and make key decisions while former assistant commissioner Thurlow McCrady will direct the front office as executive director.

The Houston franchise was sold and moved to North Carolina. The Minnesota franchise was moved back to Pittsburgh. After the first season the Pipers, then ABA champions, were moved from Pittsburgh to Minnesota. Now, they are returning to Pittsburgh without their title and without Connie Hawkins. Also, the New York franchise reportedly was sold for over \$1 million.

Some stability is developing, however. Indiana made a profit last season while Kentucky and Denver broke even. One thing is certain, this will be the ABA's longest season. ABA teams will play 84 games during 1969-70 instead of 78. And when the six-month regular season ends, it's likely to be Oakland and Indiana again on top of their respective divisions. And they'll meet again in the final round, with the Oaks again beating the Pacers. And Alex Hannum again will challenge the NBA champion and again his challenge will go unanswered.

But if the ABA continues to improve as it has during its first two years, someday . . .

WEST OAKLAND

There are several questions confronting coach Alex Hannum. Can Rick Barry recover from knee surgery and continue as one of pro basketball's most prolific scorers? Who will replace Larry Brown? Can a rookie develop into a top center?

Barry won the ABA's scoring title with a 34-point average, although he played in only 35 games. He underwent surgery for floating cartilage in his right knee in February and never returned to action. Everyone, including Barry, says there should be no problem this season, but everyone also knows that no knee is as strong after an operation.

The Oaks, who gave up more points and also scored more points per game than any ABA team, had little trouble winning their championships without Barry. They won the division title by 14 games and beat Indiana in the final playoff, 4-1. Warren Armstrong developed into the league's top rookie and 10th leading scorer with a 21.5 average. Gary Bradds replaced Barry and hit for 18.6 points per game. Doug Moe played as well as he did at New Orleans, averaging 19 points, and 5-9 Larry Brown, the smallest man in pro basketball, led the league in assists.

Moe, 30, was traded to the Carolina Cougars. Hannum can replace him with Bradds, or 6-11 rookie Jack Gillespie of Montana State, or 70

Garfield Smith, the former rebounding star from Eastern Kentucky who will be getting out of the Army, or Frank Card, the reserve acquired from the Pipers in the three-way deal for Moe.

Brown retired to coach at Davidson College, but quit and asked to be traded to Carolina, too. Hannum said he would try to complete a deal, so he also must find another player who is satisfied to pass the ball to keep teammates satisfied. Perhaps former small college scoring champion Henry Logan, who averaged 12.5 as a rookie, can fill the role; or former Olympic team member Mike Barrett; or 6-5 rookie George Tinsley of Kentucky Wesleyan, a two-time small college All-American.

Center has always been Oakland's weak spot. Returning are veteran Ira Harge and sophomore Jim Eakins. But Hannum is hoping either Gillespie, or 7-0 former USC star Ron Taylor, can develop into the big man the Oaks need to successfully compete against top pro teams—even the NBA's champion.

DENVER

Should Oakland falter, Denver is the most likely to finish atop the division.

John McLendon replaces Bob Bass (now at Texas Tech) as coach McLendon, a former coach at Tennessee State, Cleveland State and with the Cleveland Pipers of the defunct American Basketball League, becomes the ABA's first black head coach.

He is inheriting a solid nucleus and some top draft choices. The Rockets are strongest in the backcourt where they have 6-3 Larry Jones, who became the first ABA player to pass the 2,000-point mark when he scored 2,133 for a 28.4 average, third in the league. Jones set a record last season by scoring over 30 points in 23 straight games.

Lonnie Wright, 6-2, who can soar as high as Jones is the other guard and the team's second-leading scorer with a 16.4 mark. Rookies who may provide bench help include Bob Tallent of George Washington, the nation's fifth best scorer with a 28.9 average, Harry Hall of Wyoming and Ken Hall, a small college All-American from Westminster, Utah, who had a 33.5 mark.

Up front the Rockets are big and strong. Byron Beck, 6-10, is at center with a 14.5 average. 6-9 Wayne Hightower at forward with a 13.9 mark, and 6-5 Julian Hammond at forward with a 10.5 average. In reserve are 6-10 Billy McGill, who averaged 12.8 and led the league in field goal accuracy (Hammond was second) and 6-8 Walt Piatkowski, who averaged 12.2 as a rookie. In addition, the Rockets signed their No. 1 draft choice, Bob Pressley, a 6-10 center from California.

McLendon has one problem—keeping the Rockets fired up for an entire season. In the first two years, the Rockets always fizzled during the final month.

LOS ANGELES

Last season coach Bill Sharman had the youngest team in the league. Eight of his 11 players were rookies. This year he has another outstanding rookie in West Texas State's 6-7 forward Simmie Hill, the Stars' top draftee. Sharman also has his "veteran" rookies returning with a year of pro experience which should make the Stars very improved, if not the best in the league.

Larry Miller averaged 17 points per game as a guard-forward while Merv Jackson hit for 15.7 at guard, George Stone 15.7 as a No. 6 man and 6-5 guard Bob Warren 11.9. Center was split between Ed Johnson and Dennis Grey. Both are 6-9. Johnson averaged 11.8 and Grey 9.1.

In addition, Sharman has veterans like forward Warren Davis (12.7), guard Jim Jarvis (6.4) and guard George Lehmann, who joined the team for its final 32 games and led in scoring with an 18.9 average. He also tossed in 27 points in one quarter.

One category the Stars lead the NBA's L.A. Lakers is law suits. Jarvis is seeking \$600,000 from Oakland's Warren Armstrong for damages from a slugging episode in a game (it's a rough league) and Grey is seeking \$750,000 from Lew Alcindor for suffering a broken jaw after being slugged during a practice game last summer at a Los Angeles high school.

continued



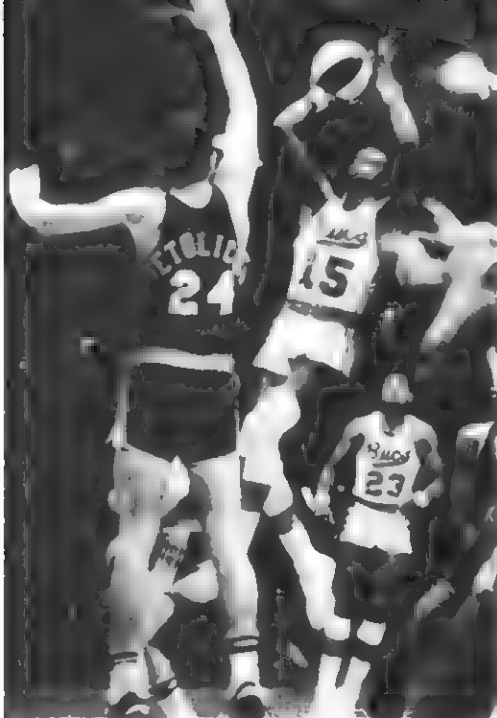
Indiana's Mel Daniels was league MVP last season



Larry Jones of Denver scored 28.4 points a game



Oakland's Rick Barry hopes he's recovered from knee surgery



New Orleans' Jim Jones shoots over Indiana's Bob Netolicky

ABA ROUNDUP

cont. from p. 1

NEW ORLEANS

Each year coach Babe McCarthy seemingly has few players with talent. But Babe won the Western Division title his first season in the pros and was second last season, finishing with 14 straight victories and maybe that's why coaches named him Coach of the Year.

The Buccaneers' guards are the tallest in the league, and perhaps the best. James Jones, 6-4, averaged 26.6, becoming the second ABA player to top the 2,000-point mark by hitting 2,050. He ranked fourth in scoring, fourth in field goal accuracy and fourth in assists. Steve Jones (no relation), 6-5, the other guard, averaged 19.9.

The front court is not as well-manned. Center Red Robbins is 6-8, 200, but was third in rebounding and averaged 15.7 points. Forward Jackie Moreland is 31, but scored 14.9 points a game and 6-7 Ron Franz boosted his average to 14.5.

New Orleans' top draft pick, Rusty Clark of North Carolina, decided to enroll in medical school, but the Bucs did sign 6-3 Harley Swift of East Tennessee State, who should give them some bench strength, albeit at guard where they don't need much help.

It was a year ago when McCarthy made his much-criticized trade, sending Doug Moe and Larry Brown to Oakland for Steve Jones and Franz. Now, Brown has retired and Moe has returned to play out his final year or two in North Carolina. The Babe is as shrewd off the court as he is on it.

DALLAS

Dallas has a good team but is in the wrong division and should finish last. For example, last season the Chaparrals beat Eastern Division champion Indiana five times in six games. They broke even against the likes of Oakland and Denver and won four more games than they lost, but finished fourth, 19 games behind.

The Chaparrals have four excellent players, but are weak at center and on the bench. Forwards Cincy Powell (19.4) and John Beasley (19.3) are two of the league's top shooters and rebounders. First-year guards Ron Boone and Glen Combs averaged 18.9 and 15.4, respectively.

At center, 7-0 John Smith showed his inexperience, averaging 7.9 points and the Chaps used 6-8 Manny Leaks, who hit for 9.7 per game, during the final month. Perhaps 7-0 Bobby Christian of Grambling or 6-8 John Holt of Jackson, Miss., State can develop into the top center the Chaps need, or an adequate backup pivotman.

The top reserve is 37-year-old Cliff Hagan, who averaged 11 points while averaging only 18 minutes in 35 games. There may be two Hagans on Dallas' bench this season, giving the Chaps two good reserves. Dallas signed its No. 1 draft pick, guard Tom Hagan of Vanderbilt, who is no relation to Cliff and who may become a starter, making Boone or Combs a reserve.

Hagan (Cliff) also hopes 6-3 Willie Brown of Middle Tennessee and 6-5 Willie Scott of Troy, Ala., State can develop into capable backup players, too. If not, Cliff, who wants to coach more and play less, will have to suit up for games instead of wearing a suit to them.

EAST INDIANA

Bob Leonard was hired as coach of the Pacers when the team had a 2-7 record and was in last place. He directed Indiana to a championship and should be able to do it again, especially since he won't have to start seven games behind and the team is in the Eastern Division.

The Pacers need only one backcourt man and a couple of reserves to compete more favorably with Oakland. Unfortunately for the Pacers' fans who support their team so well—Indiana averaged 5,500 per game and had seven sellouts in its 9,000-seat arena—those players probably won't arrive this season, unless a trade is made. The only player of note drafted and signed was North Carolina guard Dick Grubar.

It was a trade that made the Pacers so powerful last season. Indiana gave up its No. 1 draft choice and \$100,000 for 6-9 center Mel Daniels and he was worth the price. Daniels, who was the only player drafted No. 1 by an NBA team to sign with the ABA until Larry Cannon joined Miami, was named to the all-league team for the second straight year and was the Most Valuable Player. He finished sixth in scoring with a 24-point average and set another rebounding record by grabbing 16.5 missed shots per game.

Two other key performers in Indiana's climb to the top were forwards Bob Netolicky and Roger Brown. Netolicky, 6-10, is one of the ABA's best when motivated and Leonard saw to it that Bob was properly inspired. Netolicky, who played center his first season, hit for 18.9 points per game. Leonard got the 6-5 Brown to start shooting from the outside and this made his driving game more effective. The result was that Brown averaged 25 points during the final half of the season to finish with a 20.9 mark and he led the team in assists.

Guard Fred Lewis is 6-0, but a capable quarterback. He averaged 20.3 points and was seventh in the league in assists. Tom Thacker, who is good defensively, and Ron Perry, who is good offensively, shared the other backcourt starting spot. What Leonard needs, of course, is a man who can play offense and defense.

Forwards George Peoples (5.4), Jay Miller (8.1), John Fairchild (5.1) and Don Dee (5.7) give the Pacers capable frontcourt reserves, but Leonard has no substitute center and few at guard.

The Indiana fans, who start screaming in the parking lots, should have a lot to yell about this season, too, until their team meets Oakland.

MIAMI

If there is a "sleeper" in the ABA, it is Miami. The Floridians have the material to win everything with a few breaks, especially if those breaks involve Mel Daniels and Rick Barry.

Don Freeman developed into one of the league's top guards, averaging 22.1 points and finishing second in assists. In Maurice McHarty (13.8), coach Jim Pollard found a catalyst. The Floridians were last when they acquired McHarty in December, then they won 11 of their next 12 games and moved to the top.

Up front, 6-10 Skip Thoren took advantage of Mel Daniels' absence to become one of the league's better centers. Thoren, who played behind Daniels, hit for 16.7 points and was second in rebounding. To Daniels Forward Willie Murrell (15.3) gives the Floridians a fourth capable scorer.

In reserve are forward-center Don Sidle (12.0), forward Dan Sparks (6.6) and guards Dallas Thornton (6.6) and Andy Anderson (9.5).

Joining this group will be LaSalle's Larry Cannon. He is 6-5 and will be used in the backcourt, although Pollard may find occasion to play him up front, too. He has mobility that some of the Floridians' big men lack.

Miami, the league's best rebounding team, should be tough again perhaps too tough for Indiana and Minnesota.

KENTUCKY

The Colonels finished a surprising third last season, only two games behind Indiana. That's not bad for a two-man team.

Kentucky's guards are the best offensively in the league. Louie Dampier, 6-0, averaged 24.8 and 6-2 Darel Carrier hit for 23.2 to rank fifth and eighth in scoring. Dampier made the most three-point field goals with 199 (a record) and Carrier had the best three-point field goal percentage, connecting on 38 percent of his long shots (also a record).

However, coach Gene Rhodes has little to work with among his other seven players—Kentucky also had the smallest squad.

Gene Moore developed into an adequate center as a rookie, although he had never played the position before. He finished with a 13.6 average and was ninth in rebounding.

Jim Ligon (14.9) and Oliver Darden (10.6) are the forwards with Sam Smith (7.4) in reserve. The Colonels drafted some top college prospects, but didn't sign them and will have to struggle with this trio again.

Bobby Rascoe, a 6-4 guard, is the top reserve with a 6.8 average. Many times he was used at forward, giving the Colonels three players under 6-4 and that's a combination that's difficult to win with . . . in fact, practically impossible.

PITTSBURGH

They called him "The Hawk." Connie Hawkins was the Pipers' outstanding player, and one of the league's top performers and attractions. When he played 70 games during the ABA's first year, he won the scoring title and MVP award and the Pipers won the league title. When he was injured and recovering from knee surgery, the Pipers slipped from first to fourth, although he finished second in scoring to Rick Barry.

Now Hawkins is gone, having signed a five-year contract with the NBA's Phoenix Suns for an estimated \$250,000. He became the first player to jump from the ABA to the NBA and as one league official put it, "It's a tough way to gain recognition."

As for the Pipers . . . well, they'll be lucky to make the playoffs without their leading scorer, top rebounder and No. 1 man in assists.

Guard Chico Vaughn averaged 17.8 points, but is at least 30. Forward Art Heyman averaged 14.4, but is 29. Both missed several games with injuries. Guard Charlie Williams (18.7) and forward Tom Washington (14.9) also were hurt much of the season.

The Pipers acquired 6-9 center Stew Johnson, who averaged 19.2 from Carolina in the three-team deal involving Doug Moe. Mike Lewis, who learned to play center and forward as a rookie, averaging 8.5, is the best among the reserves. No. 3 draft pick 6-2 guard George Thompson of Marquette was signed and a top choice of two years ago. Kansas' Roger Bohnenstiel, will play after missing all last season with a broken finger.

The players didn't know where they would be playing until July as owners were involved in a complicated public stock sale and as of July they didn't have a coach. John Clark Jr. got the job in August.

But the coach and home court won't make much difference to the Pipers this season. Without the Hawk, they'll finish fourth . . . maybe.

CAROLINA

Last season, Houston was the ABA's worst franchise. Sometimes ushers and players outnumbered spectators. The franchise was sold and moved to North Carolina, where it will be known as the Carolina Cougars, and league officials are optimistic that the crowds will improve. After all, nearly 12,000 fans turned out for two post-season exhibition games in May.

The team's new owners are hoping for other changes, too. They are hoping the team improves—it finished last in the Western Division last season. One thing is likely, the roster will change. The Cougars signed 21 rookies and acquired 30-year-old forward Doug Moe and his 19-point average from Oakland and tried to obtain 5-9 guard Larry Brown, who led the ABA in assists for two seasons, from the Oaks.

Former Wake Forest coach Bones McKinney has been hired as coach and it's obvious he and his new employers hope to build a contender with "Carolina products." Moe is a former star at the University of North Carolina.

Guard Bob Verga, who averaged 18.8, is from Duke. And the club's top rookie, 6-8 forward Bill Bunting, is from North Carolina. Among other rookies are forward Gene Ford of Western Michigan, guard Terry Gamber of Northwestern, guard Gene Little of High Point, N.C., College and guard Justus Thigpen of Weber State.

Veterans who might survive McKinney's final cut, although they aren't from the Carolinas, include forwards Art Becker (13.4) and Keith Swagerty (12.7), and guards Steve Kramer (13.9) and Tony Jackson (11.7).



Kentucky's Lou Dampier defenses Rookie of Year Warren Armstrong of Oakland

The team will move up in the standings—from sixth to fifth—because it jumped divisions and in the East are the New York Nets.

NEW YORK

Roy Boe, the 39-year-old dress manufacturer who purchased controlling interest in the Nets, admits that his team needs help. In fact, he admits that league officials have told him they will help him in obtaining more players. Officials say that no league has succeeded until a strong team developed in New York and maybe that's why they are willing to help Boe, who needs all the help he can get.

Thus, the Nets were able to obtain guard Levern Tart (12.2) from Denver and forward Les Hunter (16.7) from Miami for draft choices. Pickup second guard starting . . . "The Nets will have . . ."

The Nets will have a new coach, York Larese will coach the team for a year, then turn the job over to Lou Carnesecca, the St. John's coach who has been hired as vice president, general manager and coach starting with the 1970-71 season.

Top returning veterans are 5-10 guard Willie Somerset (23.8) and forward Walt Simon (21.2). Also returning are the likes of Steve Chubin, Bobby Lloyd, Tom Hoover, Randy Mahaffey and Wilbert Frazier, and that's why the Nets won only 17 games last season.

Draft choices? The Nets lost their No. 1 pick, Lew Alcindor, and lost their chance to escape the tag "worst in the ABA."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

* HOME GAMES

AIR FORCE ACADEMY USAF Academy Colo

Lafayette	101	Georgia Tech	120
Arizona	102	Georgia	121
Arkansas	103	New Mexico	122
Wyoming	104	Marquette	123
Colo. St.	105	New Mexico St.	124
Concord & Marquette	106	Adams	125
Utah	107	Idaho	126
Utah State	108	Idaho State	127
Idaho State	109	Idaho	128
Idaho State	110	Idaho	129
Idaho State	111	Idaho	130
Idaho State	112	Idaho	131
Idaho State	113	Idaho	132
Idaho State	114	Idaho	133
Idaho State	115	Idaho	134
Idaho State	116	Idaho	135
Idaho State	117	Idaho	136
Idaho State	118	Idaho	137
Idaho State	119	Idaho	138
Idaho State	120	Idaho	139
Idaho State	121	Idaho	140
Idaho State	122	Idaho	141
Idaho State	123	Idaho	142
Idaho State	124	Idaho	143
Idaho State	125	Idaho	144
Idaho State	126	Idaho	145
Idaho State	127	Idaho	146
Idaho State	128	Idaho	147
Idaho State	129	Idaho	148
Idaho State	130	Idaho	149
Idaho State	131	Idaho	150

Coach: Bob Spear
Colors: Navy & Blue
1969 Record: 11-13
Nickname: Falcons

ALABAMA UNIVERSITY Tuscaloosa Ala

Southern Miss	120	Kentucky	121
Arkansas	122	Mississippi	123
Arkansas State	124	Mississippi State	125
Arkansas State	126	Mississippi State	127
Arkansas State	128	Mississippi State	129
Arkansas State	130	Mississippi State	131
Arkansas State	132	Mississippi State	133
Arkansas State	134	Mississippi State	135
Arkansas State	136	Mississippi State	137
Arkansas State	138	Mississippi State	139
Arkansas State	140	Mississippi State	141
Arkansas State	142	Mississippi State	143
Arkansas State	144	Mississippi State	145
Arkansas State	146	Mississippi State	147
Arkansas State	148	Mississippi State	149
Arkansas State	150	Mississippi State	151

Coach: C. M. Newton
Colors: Crimson and White
1969 Record: 4-20
Nickname: The Crimson Tide

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY Washington D.C.

Georgetown	120	St. John's	121
Georgetown	122	St. John's	123
Georgetown	124	St. John's	125
Georgetown	126	St. John's	127
Georgetown	128	St. John's	129
Georgetown	130	St. John's	131
Georgetown	132	St. John's	133
Georgetown	134	St. John's	135
Georgetown	136	St. John's	137
Georgetown	138	St. John's	139
Georgetown	140	St. John's	141
Georgetown	142	St. John's	143
Georgetown	144	St. John's	145
Georgetown	146	St. John's	147
Georgetown	148	St. John's	149
Georgetown	150	St. John's	151

Coach: Lee Young
Colors: Red, White and Blue
1969 Record: 11-13
Nickname: Eagles

ARIZONA UNIVERSITY Tucson Arizona

Utah	120	Utah State	121
Utah	122	Utah State	123
Utah	124	Utah State	125
Utah	126	Utah State	127
Utah	128	Utah State	129
Utah	130	Utah State	131
Utah	132	Utah State	133
Utah	134	Utah State	135
Utah	136	Utah State	137
Utah	138	Utah State	139
Utah	140	Utah State	141
Utah	142	Utah State	143
Utah	144	Utah State	145
Utah	146	Utah State	147
Utah	148	Utah State	149
Utah	150	Utah State	151

Coach: Bruce Larson
Colors: Red & Blue
1969 Record: 17-10
Nickname: Wildcats

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY Tempe Arizona

Cal Poly-Pomona	120	Wyoming	121
Cal Poly-Pomona	122	Wyoming	123
Cal Poly-Pomona	124	Wyoming	125
Cal Poly-Pomona	126	Wyoming	127
Cal Poly-Pomona	128	Wyoming	129
Cal Poly-Pomona	130	Wyoming	131
Cal Poly-Pomona	132	Wyoming	133
Cal Poly-Pomona	134	Wyoming	135
Cal Poly-Pomona	136	Wyoming	137
Cal Poly-Pomona	138	Wyoming	139
Cal Poly-Pomona	140	Wyoming	141
Cal Poly-Pomona	142	Wyoming	143
Cal Poly-Pomona	144	Wyoming	145
Cal Poly-Pomona	146	Wyoming	147
Cal Poly-Pomona	148	Wyoming	149
Cal Poly-Pomona	150	Wyoming	151

Coach: Tom Wark
Colors: Maroon & Gold
1969 Record: 11-13
Nickname: Sun Devils

ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY Fayetteville Ark

Missouri	120	Texas Tech	121
Missouri	122	Texas Tech	123
Missouri	124	Texas Tech	125
Missouri	126	Texas Tech	127
Missouri	128	Texas Tech	129
Missouri	130	Texas Tech	131
Missouri	132	Texas Tech	133
Missouri	134	Texas Tech	135
Missouri	136	Texas Tech	137
Missouri	138	Texas Tech	139
Missouri	140	Texas Tech	141
Missouri	142	Texas Tech	143
Missouri	144	Texas Tech	145
Missouri	146	Texas Tech	147
Missouri	148	Texas Tech	149
Missouri	150	Texas Tech	151

Coach: P. T. Moody Walker
Colors: Cardinals and White
1969 Record: 10-14
Nickname: Razorbacks

ARMY (U.S.M.A.) West Point, N.Y.

Georgetown	120	St. John's	121
Georgetown	122	St. John's	123
Georgetown	124	St. John's	125
Georgetown	126	St. John's	127
Georgetown	128	St. John's	129
Georgetown	130	St. John's	131
Georgetown	132	St. John's	133
Georgetown	134	St. John's	135
Georgetown	136	St. John's	137
Georgetown	138	St. John's	139
Georgetown	140	St. John's	141
Georgetown	142	St. John's	143
Georgetown	144	St. John's	145
Georgetown	146	St. John's	147
Georgetown	148	St. John's	149
Georgetown	150	St. John's	151

Coach: Robert M. Knight
Colors: Black, Gold & White
1969 Record: 10-14
Nickname: Cadets

AUBURN UNIVERSITY Auburn Ala

South Carolina	120	Georgia Tech	121
South Carolina	122	Georgia Tech	123
South Carolina	124	Georgia Tech	125
South Carolina	126	Georgia Tech	127
South Carolina	128	Georgia Tech	129
South Carolina	130	Georgia Tech	131
South Carolina	132	Georgia Tech	133
South Carolina	134	Georgia Tech	135
South Carolina	136	Georgia Tech	137
South Carolina	138	Georgia Tech	139
South Carolina	140	Georgia Tech	141
South Carolina	142	Georgia Tech	143
South Carolina	144	Georgia Tech	145
South Carolina	146	Georgia Tech	147
South Carolina	148	Georgia Tech	149
South Carolina	150	Georgia Tech	151

Coach: L. Lynn
Colors: Orange and Blue
1969 Record: 15-10
Nickname: Tigers

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY Waco Texas

Texas Wesleyan	120	Texas Tech	121
Texas Wesleyan	122	Texas Tech	123
Texas Wesleyan	124	Texas Tech	125
Texas Wesleyan	126	Texas Tech	127
Texas Wesleyan	128	Texas Tech	129
Texas Wesleyan	130	Texas Tech	131
Texas Wesleyan	132	Texas Tech	133
Texas Wesleyan	134	Texas Tech	135
Texas Wesleyan	136	Texas Tech	137
Texas Wesleyan	138	Texas Tech	139
Texas Wesleyan	140	Texas Tech	141
Texas Wesleyan	142	Texas Tech	143
Texas Wesleyan	144	Texas Tech	145
Texas Wesleyan	146	Texas Tech	147
Texas Wesleyan	148	Texas Tech	149
Texas Wesleyan	150	Texas Tech	151

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY Clarksville Tenn

Baylor	120	Texas Tech	121
Baylor	122	Texas Tech	123
Baylor	124	Texas Tech	125
Baylor	126	Texas Tech	127
Baylor	128	Texas Tech	129
Baylor	130	Texas Tech	131
Baylor	132	Texas Tech	133
Baylor	134	Texas Tech	135
Baylor	136	Texas Tech	137
Baylor	138	Texas Tech	139
Baylor	140	Texas Tech	141
Baylor	142	Texas Tech	143
Baylor	144	Texas Tech	145
Baylor	146	Texas Tech	147
Baylor	148	Texas Tech	149
Baylor	150	Texas Tech	151

Coach: George Fisher
Colors: Scarlet & White
1969 Record: 10-14
Nickname: Governors

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY Waco Texas

Texas Wesleyan	120	Texas Tech	121
Texas Wesleyan	122	Texas Tech	123
Texas Wesleyan	124	Texas Tech	125
Texas Wesleyan	126	Texas Tech	127
Texas Wesleyan	128	Texas Tech	129
Texas Wesleyan	130	Texas Tech	131
Texas Wesleyan	132	Texas Tech	133
Texas Wesleyan	134	Texas Tech	135
Texas Wesleyan	136	Texas Tech	137
Texas Wesleyan	138	Texas Tech	139
Texas Wesleyan	140	Texas Tech	141
Texas Wesleyan	142	Texas Tech	143
Texas Wesleyan	144	Texas Tech	145
Texas Wesleyan	146	Texas Tech	147
Texas Wesleyan	148	Texas Tech	149
Texas Wesleyan	150	Texas Tech	151

Coach: George Fisher
Colors: Green and Gold
1969 Record: 10-14
Nickname: Governors

BOSTON COLLEGE Chestnut Hill Mass

Georgetown	120	St. John's	121
Georgetown	122	St. John's	123
Georgetown	124	St. John's	125
Georgetown	126	St. John's	127
Georgetown	128	St. John's	129
Georgetown	130	St. John's	131
Georgetown	132	St. John's	133
Georgetown	134	St. John's	135
Georgetown	136	St. John's	137
Georgetown	138	St. John's	139
Georgetown	140	St. John's	141
Georgetown	142	St. John's	143
Georgetown	144	St. John's	145
Georgetown	146	St. John's	147
Georgetown	148	St. John's	149
Georgetown	150	St. John's	151

Coach: Charles Clark
Colors: Maroon and Gold
1969 Record: 24-4
Nickname: Eagles

BOSTON UNIVERSITY Boston Mass

Boston College	120	St. John's	121
Boston College	122	St. John's	123
Boston College	124	St. John's	125
Boston College	126	St. John's	127
Boston College	128	St. John's	129
Boston College	130	St. John's	131
Boston College	132	St. John's	133
Boston College	134	St. John's	135
Boston College	136	St. John's	137
Boston College	138	St. John's	139
Boston College	140	St. John's	141
Boston College	142	St. John's	143
Boston College	144	St. John's	145
Boston College	146	St. John's	147
Boston College	148	St. John's	149
Boston College	150	St. John's	151

Coach: Charles Clark
Colors: Scarlet and White
1969 Record: 14-10
Nickname: Terriers

BOWLING GREEN ST. Bowling Green, O

Dayton	120	St. John's	121
Dayton	122	St. John's	123
Dayton	124	St. John's	125
Dayton	126	St. John's	127
Dayton	128	St. John's	129
Dayton	130	St. John's	131
Dayton	132	St. John's	133
Dayton	134	St. John's	135
Dayton	136	St. John's	137
Dayton	138	St. John's	139
Dayton	140	St. John's	141
Dayton	142	St. John's	143
Dayton	144	St. John's	145
Dayton	146	St. John's	147
Dayton	148	St. John's	149
Dayton	150	St. John's	151

Coach: Bob Campbell
Colors: Orange and Brown
1969 Record: 9-15
Nickname: Falcons

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY Peoria, Ill

Texas Arlington	120	Texas Tech	121
Texas Arlington	122	Texas Tech	123
Texas Arlington	124	Texas Tech	125
Texas Arlington	126	Texas Tech	127
Texas Arlington	128	Texas Tech	129
Texas Arlington	130	Texas Tech	131
Texas Arlington	132	Texas Tech	133
Texas Arlington	134	Texas Tech	135
Texas Arlington	136	Texas Tech	137
Texas Arlington	138	Texas Tech	139
Texas Arlington	140	Texas Tech	141
Texas Arlington	142	Texas Tech	143
Texas Arlington	144	Texas Tech	145
Texas Arlington	146	Texas Tech	147
Texas Arlington	148	Texas Tech	149
Texas Arlington	150	Texas Tech	151

Coach: Joe Simpson
Colors: Red & White
1969 Record: 14-12
Nickname: Braves

BRIGHTON YOUNG UNIVERSITY Provo Utah

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY		Provo, Utah
Alabama	15	
Arizona	16	
New Mexico State	17	
San Jose State	18	
Texas Tech	19	
Texas	20	
Utah	21	
Utah State	22	
Utah Valley	23	
Utah Valley	24	
Utah Valley	25	
Utah Valley	26	
Utah Valley	27	
Utah Valley	28	
Utah Valley	29	
Utah Valley	30	
Utah Valley	31	
Utah Valley	32	
Utah Valley	33	
Utah Valley	34	
Utah Valley	35	
Utah Valley	36	
Utah Valley	37	
Utah Valley	38	
Utah Valley	39	
Utah Valley	40	
Utah Valley	41	
Utah Valley	42	
Utah Valley	43	
Utah Valley	44	
Utah Valley	45	
Utah Valley	46	
Utah Valley	47	
Utah Valley	48	
Utah Valley	49	
Utah Valley	50	
Utah Valley	51	
Utah Valley	52	
Utah Valley	53	
Utah Valley	54	
Utah Valley	55	
Utah Valley	56	
Utah Valley	57	
Utah Valley	58	
Utah Valley	59	
Utah Valley	60	
Utah Valley	61	
Utah Valley	62	
Utah Valley	63	
Utah Valley	64	
Utah Valley	65	
Utah Valley	66	
Utah Valley	67	
Utah Valley	68	
Utah Valley	69	
Utah Valley	70	
Utah Valley	71	
Utah Valley	72	
Utah Valley	73	
Utah Valley	74	
Utah Valley	75	
Utah Valley	76	
Utah Valley	77	
Utah Valley	78	
Utah Valley	79	
Utah Valley	80	
Utah Valley	81	
Utah Valley	82	
Utah Valley	83	
Utah Valley	84	
Utah Valley	85	
Utah Valley	86	
Utah Valley	87	
Utah Valley	88	
Utah Valley	89	
Utah Valley	90	
Utah Valley	91	
Utah Valley	92	
Utah Valley	93	
Utah Valley	94	
Utah Valley	95	
Utah Valley	96	
Utah Valley	97	
Utah Valley	98	
Utah Valley	99	
Utah Valley	100	

[illegible]

KENTUCKY U OF Lexington Ky		
West Virginia	D6 Alabama	J28
Alabama	D6 Alabama	J28
North Carolina	D6 Vanderbilt	J31
Indiana	D13 Indiana	J31
ILIT	D19 Mississippi	F7
ILIT	D28 Miss State	F7
N. Car. State	D27 Florida	F7
Miss. State	D29 Georgia	F7
Mississippi	D21 Alabama	F7
Miss. State	J5 Auburn	F29
Florida	J10 Vanderbilt	F29
Georgia	J12 Auburn	F29
Tennessee	J17 Tennessee	M1

Coach: Adolph Rapp
Colors: Blue and White
(—Lexington, Ky.)

LAFAYETTE Houston, Tex		
Maryland	D1 N.Y.	J29
Jefferson	D2 Delaware	J29
Middlebury	D8 Alabama	F3
King's College	D27 Ind.	F3
Ruler	D13 Virginia	F3
Jefferson	J5-6 Delaware	F3
Berklee	J10 Rutgers	F17
Calicut	J12 Rutgers	F17
Syracuse	J14 Lehigh	F17
Rutgers	J17 Lehigh	F17
Rutgers	J24 Lehigh	F24
Temple	J28	M1

Coach: Hal Wiser
Colors: Maroon and White
(—Palestine, Philadelphia)

LAMAR TECH Beaumont, Tex		
McNease State	D1 Southern Illinois	J24
West Virginia	D14 Robert's	J28
Oklahoma State	D6 Arkansas State	F2
Hardwood State	D18 Missouri State	F2
Pan American	D19 Texas American	F2
Southern Miss	D11a Trinity	F7
McNease State	D12 University of Tex	F7
Living State	D23 Abilene	F14
L. San Diego	D5 L.T. Arlington	F14
Centenary College	D8 Arkansas State	F21
T. Arlington	D13a Hardwood State	F21
Abilene	J12 Trinity	F28

Coach: Jack Martin
Colors: Red and White
(—McNease State)

LA SALLE COLLEGE Philadelphia, Pa		
Madison	D1 Georgetown	J21
Albany	D13 Delaware	J21
Laurens	D13 Pennsylvania	J21
Marshall	D17a Conn. State	F2
West Chester	D16 Lafayette	F2
Volunteer State	D29-30 Detroit	F6
Quaker	D27-28 Ind.	F21
N. Carolina	D28a Ind.	F21
Western Va.	J7 Miami Fla.	F21
Temple	J17 Rutgers	F28
Syracuse	J17 Rider	F28
Loyola Ill.	J19	F28

Coach: Tom Lewis
Colors: Blue and Gold
(—Laurens, Pa.)

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Bethlehem, Pa		
Army	D2 Jackson	F2
Temple	D4 M. Johnson	F4
Backus	D6a Rutgers	F6
Coast	D13 Rutgers	F7
Wash. & Lee	D13 Rutgers	F7
Ruler	D16 Rutgers	F7
Am. Ind. Tournament	D27-28 Lafayette	F14
Lehigh	D28a Rutgers	F14
Lehigh	D28a Rutgers	F14
Albany	J28 Rutgers	F28
Pratt & Marsh	J21a Trinity	F28

Coach: Roy Heckman
Colors: Brown and White
(—Lehigh, Pa.)

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY Brooklyn, N.Y.		
Yale	D2 Adelphi	J16
Bentley	D6 Rutgers	F4
Bridgeport	D13a Rutgers	F4
N. Y. State	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Francis N.Y.	D13a Rutgers	F4
Old Dominion	D20a North Carolina	F17
The Citadel	D22 Rutgers	F17
Lehigh	D24a Rutgers	F17
Lehigh	D24a Rutgers	F17
Lehigh	D24a Rutgers	F17
Lehigh	D24a Rutgers	F17

Coach: Roy Hulen
Colors: Blue and White
(—Lehigh, Pa.)

LOUISIANA STATE Baton Rouge, La		
Oregon State	D1 Miss. State	F2
Lehigh	D19 Florida	F4
Yale	D19 Alabama	F4
Tuam	D13a Rutgers	F4
Southern Ind.	D13a Rutgers	F4
Tenn.	D20a North Carolina	F17
Oregon State	D22 Rutgers	F17
L.I.C.	D22 Rutgers	F17
Rainbow State	D23a Rutgers	F17
Alabama	D23a Rutgers	F17
Alabama	D23a Rutgers	F17
Alabama	D23a Rutgers	F17

Coach: Fred Matlack
Colors: Purple and Gold
(—Charlottesville, Va.)

LOUISVILLE Louisville, Ky		
Lauf Riverdale	D19 Bradley	J28
Dayton	D19 Bradley	J28
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4
Florida	D19a Rutgers	F4

Coach: John Dwyer
Colors: Red, Black, White and Blue
(—Frederick Hall, Louisville, Ky.)

LOVELL UNIVERSITY Chicago, Ill		
St. John's (Maine)	D1 Centenary	J24
Indiana	D14 Minnesota	J24
St. Thomas (Maine)	D6 Marquette	J21
St. Mary's (Maine)	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's (Maine)	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's (Maine)	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's (Maine)	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's (Maine)	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's (Maine)	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's (Maine)	D13a Rutgers	F4

Coach: George M. Indig
Colors: Maroon and Gold
(—Chicago Stadium)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY New Orleans, La		
Tampa	D2 Jackson	F2
Norfolk	D13a Rutgers	F4
T. J.	D13a Rutgers	F4
Spring Hill	D13a Rutgers	F4
Spring Hill	D13a Rutgers	F4
Spring Hill	D13a Rutgers	F4
Spring Hill	D13a Rutgers	F4
Spring Hill	D13a Rutgers	F4
Spring Hill	D13a Rutgers	F4
Spring Hill	D13a Rutgers	F4

Coach: Roy Lakota
Colors: Maroon and Gold
(—1989 Record 5-1)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY Los Angeles, Calif		
Occidental	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4
St. Mary's	D13a Rutgers	F4

Coach: Richard J. Baker
Colors: Maroon and Gold
(—1989 Record 6-19)

MAINE U OF Bangor, Me		
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24
Yale	D1 Centenary	J24

Coach: Gilbert Phillips
Colors: Blue and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MANHATTAN COLLEGE Yonkers, N.Y.		
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21
Rocky Mount	D1 Army	J21

Coach: John J. Toner
Colors: Navy Green and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY Milwaukee, W.		
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21
North Carolina	D1 Xavier	J21

Coach: Al McGuire
Colors: Blue and Gold
(—1989 Record 21-1)

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY Huntington, W. Va.		
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21
Steele Bowl Tournament	D24a Marshall	J21

Coach: Roy T. Johnson
Colors: Kelly Green and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MARYLAND U OF College Park, Md		
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21
Buffalo	D1 Rutgers	J21

Coach: Charles G. Lefty
Colors: Red and White
(—1989 Record 6-18)

MASSACHUSETTS U OF Amherst, Mass		
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24
Amherst	D1 Centenary	J24

Coach: Jack Leonard
Colors: Maroon and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MEMPHIS STATE U Memphis, Tenn		
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21
Mem. State	D1 Loyola (South)	J21

Coach: Mac Blue
Colors: Blue and Navy
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MIAMI U OF Oxford, Ohio		
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21

Coach: Robert O. Johnson
Colors: Red and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MICHIGAN STATE U OF East Lansing, Mich		
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21

Coach: John Dwyer
Colors: Blue and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MICHIGAN STATE U OF East Lansing, Mich		
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Michigan State	D1 Western Mich.	J21

Coach: John Dwyer
Colors: Blue and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MIDDLE TENN ST Tenn., Tenn		
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Tennessee Wesleyan	D1 Western Mich.	J21

Coach: Jimmy Earle
Colors: Blue and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MINNESOTA U OF Minneapolis, Minn		
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Notre Dame	D1 Western Mich.	J21

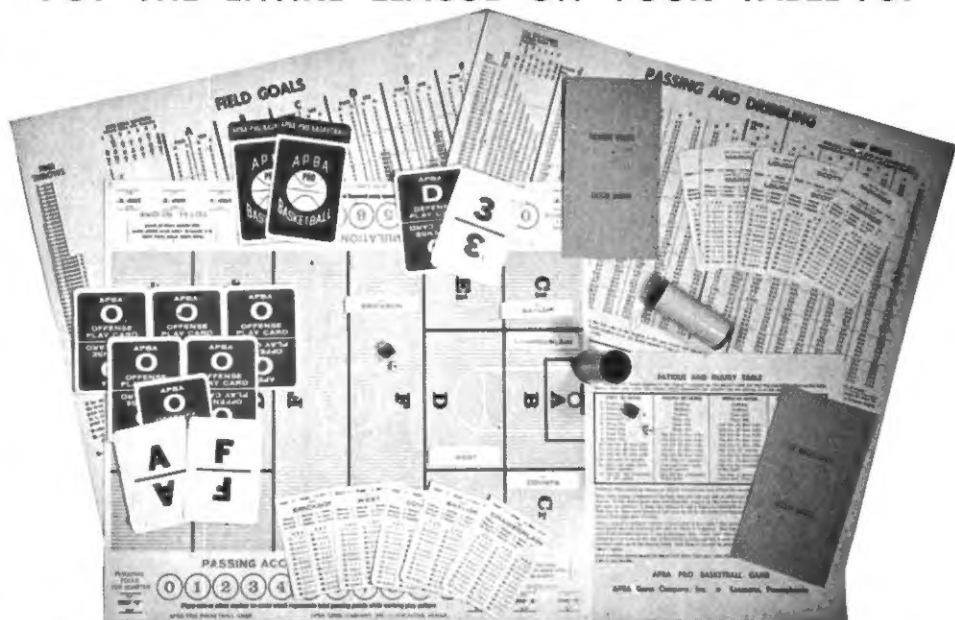
Coach: Robert O. Johnson
Colors: Red and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

MISSOURI STATE U OF Springfield, Mo		
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21
Missouri State	D1 Western Mich.	J21

Coach: Robert O. Johnson
Colors: Red and White
(—1989 Record 11-1)

PLAY PRO BASKETBALL AT HOME!

Play the APBA Pro Basketball Game
PUT THE ENTIRE LEAGUE ON YOUR TABLE-TOP



Now you can play the pro basketball league right in your own home. All the professional players, not just the stars, will perform for you on your own table-top basketball court with the very same talents and proficiencies they display in real-life!

In every detail of performance each player will reflect his actual season's record—in field goal percentage, free throwing percentage, rebounds, assists, personal foul frequency, susceptibility to injury and fatigue, also his overall offensive and defensive abilities in general floor play.

If it happens in a basketball game, it happens in APBA Pro Basketball. It's all there. The whole gamut of floor play right down to the jump balls, intercepted passes and stolen balls!

Every detail of floor play is provided for. APBA basketball is not just a shooting contest. You work the ball into the basket by actual passing and dribbling, naming the players to handle the ball and when and where to shoot. You devise the play patterns and fast breaks on offense and set up your defense when you lose the ball. This is the only basketball game which lets you move the ball visually about the court from player to player under your own direction.

We will send you the complete details of this fantastic new game, now in its fourth year, if you will just send us your name and address (PLEASE PRINT) and ask for "APBA's basketball story." You'll be under no obligation and we'll send you FREE a full color pictorial brochure, plus a sample of one of the one hundred and forty player cards included with the current edition of the game.

YOU ARE THE COACH

You, as coach, control the entire game, offensively and defensively, not only selecting the lineups and making substitutions according to your own planning and strategy, but also deciding which players will handle the ball and with what kind of play pattern and then who will make the shots and from what distance and direction from the basket.

On defense you must "guess" the impending moves of the offense and if you anticipate correctly, you may even deter the league's top scorers!

Copyright 1969

APBA GAME CO., INC. • 53-18K Eastman Avenue • Lancaster, Penna. 17604

TABBING THE TOP SOPHS

EAST

Dave "Corky" Calhoun, Penn
 Andy Chappell, NYU
 Frank Cortes, Seton Hall
 Julius Erving, Massachusetts
 Ken House, Seton Hall
 Ted Martinuk, St. Peter's
 Kevin Porter, St. Francis (Pa.)
 Henry Seawright, Manhattan
 Lee Tress, Temple
 Tracy-Tripucka, Lafayette
 Art White, Georgetown
 Mike White, American International
 Gary Wilkens, Providence
 Dean Zimet, Bridgeport

MIDLANDS

John Fraley, Cincinnati
 Henry Bacon, Louisville
 Jim Creighton, Colorado
 Chuck Jura, Nebraska
 Bud Stallworth, Kansas
 Al Vilcheck, Louisville
 Gene Mack, Iowa State

FAR WEST

Dwight Taylor, Long Beach State
 Henry Bibby, UCLA
 John Gianelli, Pacific
 Ansley Truitt, California
 Joe Mackey, USC
 Steve Hawes, Washington
 Mose Adolph, Los Angeles State
 Mike Stewart, Santa Clara
 Paul Westphal, USC
 Roy Brown, St. Mary's
 Ray Samuelson, San Diego State
 Vern Hubbard, Pepperdine
 Rusty Blair, Oregon
 Lenzy Stuart, Seattle
 Fred Boyd, Oregon State

ROCKIES

John Somogyi, New Mexico
 Gary Radunich, Brigham Young
 Nate Williams, Utah State
 Milton Horne, New Mexico State
 Ray Neal, New Mexico State
 Jim Creighton, Denver
 Terry Quinn, Montana State
 Jon Knobbe, Weber State

SOUTHWEST

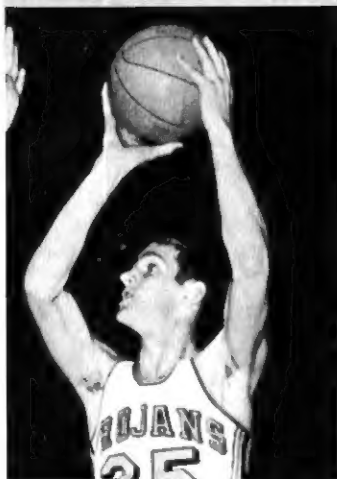
Lynn Howden, Texas
 Larry Delzell, SMU
 Jeff Hickman, Houston

SOUTH

Tom Riker, South Carolina
 Don Blackman, Duke
 Bill Chamberlain, North Carolina
 Paul Coder, N.C. State
 Henry Harris, Auburn
 Chris Schweer, Vanderbilt
 Bryan Adrian, Davidson
 Ronnie Nunn, George Washington
 Rowland Garrett, Florida State

MIDWEST

Ralph Simpson, Michigan State
 Bob Ford, Purdue
 Tom Corde, Ohio University
 Joby Wright, Indiana
 Russell Lee, Marshall
 Richard Carter, Michigan
 Lloyd Adams, Wisconsin
 Jerry Pyle, Minnesota



USC's Paul Westphal



Michigan State's Ralph Simpson

FREE! FRAZIER-REED Color Photo FREE!

The first 50 readers to send in this coupon will receive the free 8 x 10 color photo indicated on the cover of BASKETBALL YEARBOOK. Mail this coupon to: **Frazier-Reed Photo, BASKETBALL YEARBOOK, Popular Library, 355 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BASKETBALL'S 1969-70 SECTIONAL ALL-STARS

ALL-EAST

Calvin Murphy, Niagara
Bob Lanier, St. Bonaventure
Howie Porter, Villanova
Jim McMillian, Columbia
Jimmy Hayes, Boston University
Jeff Petrie, Princeton
Joe DePre, St. John's
Charlie Adrien, Georgetown
Jim Signorile, NYU
Mel Knight, Seton Hall

ALL-FAR WEST

Curtis Rowe, UCLA
Dennis Awtrey, Santa Clara
John Vallely, UCLA
Jackie Ridgley, California
Pete Cross, USF
Vince Fritz, Oregon State
Charlie Johnson, California
Darnell Hillman, San Jose State
Sam Robinson, Long Beach State
Tom Little, Seattle

ALL-SOUTHWEST

Ollie Taylor, Houston
Gene Phillips, SMU
Tommy Bowman, Baylor
Poo Welch, Houston
Wayne Doyal, Texas
Steve Niles, Texas A&M
Lynn Howden, Texas
Fred Davis, Howard-Payne
Tom Myer, Rice
George Johnson, Stephen F. Austin

ALL-SOUTH

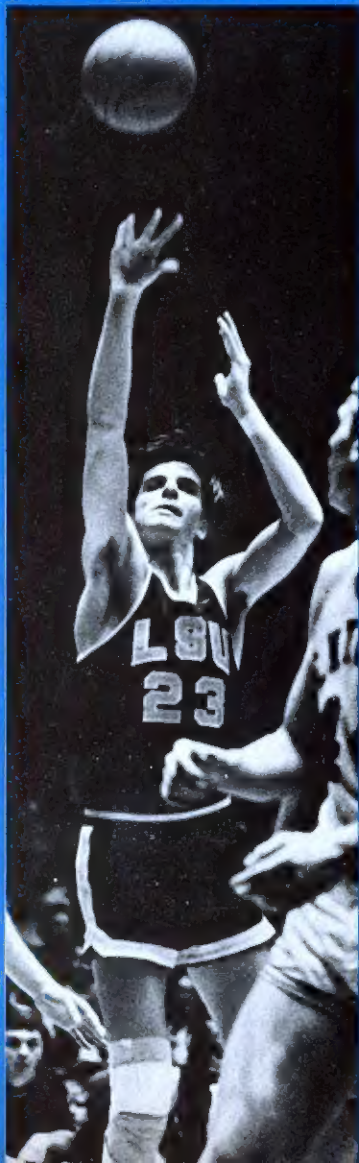
Pete Maravich, LSU →
Charlie Scott, North Carolina
Dan Issel, Kentucky
Mike Maloy, Davidson
Mike Casey, Kentucky
John Roche, South Carolina
Jim McDaniels, Western Kentucky
Bob Leinhard, Georgia
Don Curnutt, Miami
Dave Cowens, Florida State

ALL-MIDLANDS

Cliff Meely, Colorado
Jim Ard, Cincinnati
Steve Kuberski, Bradley
Bill Cain, Iowa State
Mike Grosso, Louisville
Don Tomlinson, Missouri
Gordon Tope, Colorado
Dave Robisch, Kansas
Greg Carney, Wichita
Charles Wallace, Oklahoma City

ALL-MIDWEST

Rick Mount, Purdue
Spencer Haywood, Detroit
Rudy Tomjanovich, Michigan
Dave Sorenson, Ohio State
Austin Carr, Notre Dame
Dean Meminger, Marquette
Jim Clemons, Ohio State
Joe Cooke, Indiana
Walt Williams, Miami
Tom Lagodich, Kent State



ALL-ROCKIES

Sam Lacey, New Mexico State
Marv Roberts, Utah State
Jimmy Collins, New Mexico State
Willie Sojourner, Weber State
Greg Howard, New Mexico
Carl Ashley, Wyoming
Mike Newlin, Utah
Seaborn Hill, Arizona State
Paul Ruffner, Brigham Young
Nate Archibald, Texas-El Paso